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- 4-JIM VALIANT
- 5-CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW
- 6-GORILLA MONSOON
- 7-BEAUTIFUL BOBBY
- 8-LUKE GRAHAM
- 9-TARZAN TYLER
- 10-KARL GOTCH

AMERICAN WRESTLING ALLIANCE

- 1-VERNE GAGNE
- 2-EDOUARD CARPENTIER
- 3-BRUISER
- 4-VON RASCHE
- 5-BLACKJACK LANZA
- 6-BUTCHER VACHON
- 7-RED BASTIEN
- 8-THE CLAW
- 9-MAD DOG VACHON
- 10-BLACKJACK MULLIGAN

MIDGETS

- 1-LORD LITTLEBROOK
- 2-LITTLE BEAVER
- 3-SKY LOW LOW
- 4-MIGHTY BRUTUS
- 5-FRENCHY LAMONT
- 6-BILLY THE KID
- 7-MIGHTY ATOM
- 8-LITTLE BRUISER
- 9-SONNY BOY HAYES
- 10-LITTLE JOEY

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VERNE GAGNE

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

- 1-DORY FUNK JR.
- 2-JACK BRISCO
- 3-FRITZ VON ERICH
- 4-FRED BLASSIE
- 5-MIL MASCARAS
- 6-EDDIE GRAHAM
- 7-THE SHEIK
- 8-JOHN TOLOS
- 9-NICK BOCKWINKLE
- 10-JOHNNY VALENTINE

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- 1-PAT PATTERSON & BILLY GRAHAM
- 2-LUKE GRAHAM & TARZAN TYLER
- 3-GOLIATH & BLACK GORDMAN
- 4-MIL MASCARAS & EL SICODELLICO
- 5-THE KANGAROOS
- 6-THE MEDICS
- 7-CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW & GORILLA MONSOON
- 8-JACK & JERRY BRISCO
- 9-CRUSHER & RED BASTIEN
- 10-JIM VALIANT & BEAUTIFUL BOBBY

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- 1-FABULOUS MOOLAH
- 2-TONI ROSE
- 3-VIVIAN VACHON
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HOSE CHAPS FROM "down under," The Australians—also known as Ron Miller and Larry O'Day—have given Sue Vorhis the okay to start a fan club in their honor. Sue requests all fans wanting to join, write her at 5610 South West 38th Street, Davie, Florida 33314. It sounds simply smashing!

Here's another club that's "Fuller" good things. You guessed it. The Ron Fuller Fan Club. The club is amply run by Ellen Guttiere and we just received our copy of "The Fuller Bulletin—#1." It's chock-full of features such as gossip, crossword puzzles and results. Write to Ellen at 102 West 7th Street, Hialeah, Florida 33010.

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Another club for you eastern fans to look into is the Tri-State Wrestling



News Fan Club. President Lon Paskowitz reports their bulletins are called "The Flash" and they are interesting as well as informative. Drop a line to Lon at 24 Brighton—10 Path, Brooklyn, New York 11235.

Hardly a new club is the club Joe Pottigieser heads for his honorary, Ray Stevens. Joe's bulletins and other club material are always up to date and done real well. Join this fantastic club by writing to Joe c/o The International Ray Stevens Fan Club, 3463

Good-looking Ron Fuller's fan club is just "fuller good things," according to Ellen Guttiere, the club president. Write to her for the details.

Ravendale Court, San Jose, California, 95111. The "Blonde Bomber" will appreciate it, too.

Did you know that Ray Stevens' arch enemy Pat Patterson has a fan club in his honor also? The club is run by Dorothy Hopkins. Members receive an 8x10 photo of Pat, membership card and bulletins. Dottie's address is 84 Prospect, San Francisco, California.

One of the most creative and well done bulletins in "Fan World" is Neil Berger's "Boston Ring News." Some of Neil's features are "Rasslin' Shorts," which is a fine gossip column, biographies and results. To get a copy of the Boston Ring News contact Neil at 228 East Foxboro Street, Sharon, Mass., 02067.

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Just a reminder fans: any time you write to a fan club and request an answer—you must send along a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Good fan clubbing. We'll see you next month.



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Question: What do you mean by a "command of good English"?

Answer: A command of good English means you can express yourself clearly

and easily without fear of embarrassment or making mistakes. It means you can write well, carry on a good conversation—also read rapidly and remember what you read. Good English can help you throw off self-doubts that may be holding you back.

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NEW YORK-PHILADELPHIA-BOSTON

Fred Blassie is back in town and he's anxious to relieve Pedro Morales of his World Championship ... Victor Rivera and Gorilla Monsoon are teaming up in hopes of grappling the W.W.W.F. tag team title away from Luke Graham and Tarzan Tyler . . . Mike Conrad has returned after a successful Southern tour . . . Jim Valiant and Jay Strongbow still have a score to settle. Both their recent bloodbaths ended in time limit draws...New York State Athletic Commission still refuses to lift the ban on women wrestlers...Mike Pappas hates Beautiful Bobby's guts ... Moose Monroe and Manny "Cyclone" Soto would love to kill each other...The Grand Wizard and Stan "Heart Punch" Stasiak are fuming over the promoters reluctance to give them another shot at Pedro Morales' World title.

CALIFORNIA

Paul Demarco insists he was given a fast count the night he lost his United States Championship to Peter Miavia... John Tolos is still the most hated and feared wrestler in the state of California . . . Black Gordman and Goliath still haven't settled their feud with their former friends Kenji Shibuya and Mr. Saito ... Betty Niccoli wants a return bout with the Fabulous Moolah. Betty is sure she can capture Moolah's title this time ... Ray Stevens has left the area to wrestle in Georgia . . . "Irish" Pat Barrett has one of the largest armies of fans we've ever seen . . . Raul Matta almost unmasked El Solitario last time they met . . . The Medics are wrestling separately Tiger Jeet Singh is the most popular



St. Louis is anxious to land Mad Dog Vachon-but he insists he appear only in main events.

-very often. Has something gone wrong?...Mil Mascaras and his brother El Sicodellico are the #1 contenders for the America's tag team title. Gordman and Goliath are the current title holders.

BUFFALO

Johnny Powers hates Crusher Verdu and his manager Bruce Swayse so much that he's trying to convince promoters to let him wrestle them both at the same time ... Waldo Von Erich's North American Championship is saved too often by the time limit rule . . . Lil' Abner and Pete Sanchez are feuding with Kurt Von Hess and Eric the Red . . .

wrestler to hit Buffalo in years ... Promoters here are trying to arrange a re-match between the Sheik and Bobo Brazil.

ST. LOUIS

Harley Race is crying for a return match with Dory Funk Jr. He came close to beating the champion and now Jr. is reluctant to sign for a rematch...Cowboy Bob Ellis will be returning to this area soon . . . Lou Thesz is a frequent "guest Referee" ... Mad Dog Vachon will come to St. Louis if he's guaranteed main events only ... Jack Brisco and Von Raschke are still at each other's throats . . . Marva Scott is a fantastic talent. She's lightning fast and clever too ... Wilbur Snyder and Lou Klien gave fans a real treat when they wrestled. It was the "cleanest" bout the fans have seen in a long time ... Moose Cholak wants out of the prelims . . . Promoter Sam Muchnick is trying to sign Fritz Von Eric for a series of matches.

TORONTO

The Sheik was lucky to come out alive in his last battle with Mighty lgor. Igor claims the Sheik is the most vicious man he's ever met . . . Haystack Calhoun and Lord Layton are chasing the Love Brothers . . . Sweet Daddy Siki has left for Hawaii after a successful three months here...Chris Tolos and Hans Schmit continue their unbeaten string...The Stomper and Abdullah Farouk are constantly snarling at each other...Bobo Brazil and Dom DeNucci are trying to run Butcher and Mad Dog Vachone out of the territory.

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During the 50's, Elvis Presley's sex appeal made women across the nation swoon in front of their television sets.

In the 60's, Sean Connery, playing

James Bond, had females on the edges of their movie seats, thinking censored thoughts, as he became the prime example of a rugged, ruthless He-Man who treated beautiful women as toys.

Every decade has its idols, men like Tom Jones, who cause women to faint just by smiling at them. Nobody has become the idol of the 70's —yet. But he could very well turn out to be a 28-year-old, blue-eyed, blond-haired hunk of wrestler named Jim Valiant.

Valiant, 6-3 and 240 pounds of muscle, has been on the wrestling scene for just a short time. But fans

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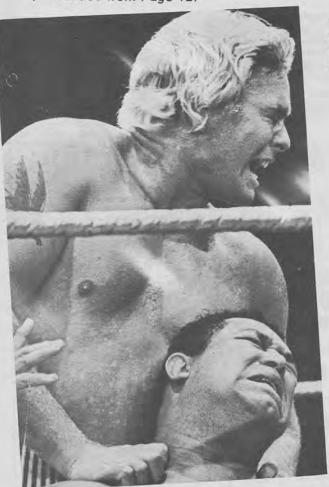
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SHOULD JIM VALIANT WEAR A MASK?

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Carlos Perrata squeals in pain (left) as Jim applies his nerve-deadening fingertip hold to Perrata's shoulders. Tony Marino (below) tries to flip Jim over into a Boston Crab, but Valiant was quickly able to kick his way out.



-make that female fans-have been flocking to see him wrestle as they flocked to hear Presley and Sinatra sing. Sometimes it even gets out of hand.

"I've never seen anything like it," gushed Mike Rosenberg, promoter at New York's Sunnyside Gardens. "We can't clear the place out when he wrestles. The girls simply refuse to leave. They once tried to storm his dressing room. If we finally get them out of the arena they line up outside the wrestlers' entrance. He oughta be forced to wear a mask. Those women are liable to tear the joint apart some night!"

Stories about good looking girls stopping traffic in the streets of New York appear every day in the papers. But Valiant, who is so self-conscious about his good looks that it embarrasses him, once did the same thing in a supermarket.

"I ran out of milk," Jim remembered, "and I went down to the supermarket to pick up a container. It was a Friday, around 4 p.m., and I didn't know the place would be jammed with women doing their

weekend shopping.

"I was heading toward the milk cabinet when I heard a crash. Some woman had wheeled her shopping cart into a display of cookies that had been piled to the ceiling. They fell all over her. I ran to help her and asked what happened. She told everybody that she wasn't looking where she was going—she was looking at me. I was so embarrassed I ran out of the place and never got my milk."

Scenes like that are nothing new to Jim Valiant. In New York, he is constantly stopped for autographs. Girls think he's a movie star. The more bold ones try to pick him up on the street. Some, who found out where he lives, have begun to stake out his apartment—like cops—hoping to catch a glimpse of him or to tear off a hunk of his clothing when he leaves. It even drives his opponents wild.

"I'll never wrestle him again," said Bull Palmetti, after he was practically murdered by a group of irate females. "If you lay a hand on that puss of his they go nuts. They sit

there screaming 'Don't touch his face!' How am I supposed to wrestle a guy like that? Every time I belt him the broads go crazy. Could you imagine what would happen if he ever got cut? His opponent would be killed on the spot!"

Valiant doesn't know what it is that makes him so attractive to women—or how to get rid of it.

"It's been like this as long as I can remember," he said. "I've always had what you'd call a baby face and I constantly exercise to keep myself in shape. I have natural blond hair and blue eyes. I guess I'm what you would call good-looking. Girls used to follow me home from school, and I enjoyed it. But sometimes it gets to be a bit much. Right now I'm averaging five marriage proposals a week in the mail. Can you imagine? Girls who never even met me want to marry me. That's insane. For all they know I might be a monster. It's very flattering, of course, but when they start waiting for you outside the arenas and outside your apartment you lose all your privacy. Maybe I should wear a mask."



This is the face that is breaking thousands of female hearts all over the east. Jim, who is sensitive about his looks, brushes back his hair.

Jim sifted through a stack of mail on his coffee table. The letters were all the same—perfumed and with lipsticked kisses on the envelope flap. Some contained pictures. Others had love poems. He simply cannot keep up with them all—even though he spends most of his time in his apartment or at the gym.

"I love the outdoors but it has gotten so that I can't even go for a walk anymore," he says. "Last week I went to a local department store to buy a couple of shirts. It was near the arena and two girls recognized me. They yelled 'there he is!' and ran toward me. Pretty soon other women started running too. They didn't know who I was—probably figured I was a movie star or a football player—and before I knew it I was surrounded. The store manager was pulling his hair out. They tore up the joint—including my suit!"

Jim's good looks have gotten him into trouble in the ring as well. Rather than wrestle as they would against a normal opponent, Jim's foes seem to go out of their way to inflict injury on him. In short, they're jealous, although they'll never admit it.

The Grand Wizard, who manages Valiant as well as his sometime tag team partner, Beautiful Bobby, refers to Jim as, "the greatest attraction in wrestling."

And the Wizard, who is never at



a loss for words, was quick to add, "Jimmy has charisma as well as good looks and tremendous ability. He can communicate with his audience; make people do what he wants them to do. I honestly don't think he can miss being crowned heavyweight champion of the world within the next 12 months. Yes, he's that great!"

Because of his looks, Valiant has gotten a lot of criticism from mat villains. "Look at who he wrestles," said one, who asked to remain anonymous. "He's matched against mostly clean wrestlers. They're afraid he'll get his pretty face all messed up if they put him in with tough guys like me. He won't be handsome for long."

Valiant, a rough wrestler himself, enjoys meeting men like Chief Jay Strongbow because it gives him a chance to concentrate on mixing scientific wrestling with roughhouse tactics.

"When you're wrestling against someone like Strongbow," Jim explained, "you don't have to worry about him pulling dirty stuff. It's his ability against your ability and I think it makes for a better match. I don't mind wrestling villains. But those kind of matches always seem to wind up in slugfests."

Valiant hasn't taken the time to defend himself against the favoritism charges. He thinks the entire thing about his looks has been blown way out of proportion anyway. He feels that the way he looks sometimes takes attention away from his wres-

Jim applies an armlock to Perrata (left). Below, he waves to adoring fans while signing autographs before an appearance in Philadelphia.



tling ability.

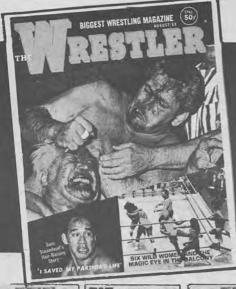
"Good looks are okay," he says, "but what happens if I get a few scars or cauliflower ears or a busted nose? That happens in this business. If I could not really wrestle my good looks won't do me any good. Besides, what you look like isn't important. It's what you are inside, as a person, that counts."

But so far, his appearance is what has been attracting fans to arenas in record numbers. And with the charges of favoritism and the jeal-ousy of other wrestlers, Valiant is seriously considering putting on a mask. Like Mil Mascaras, he feels that if he wears a mask people will think of him more as a wrestler than as a matinee idol.

His fans, however, disagree.

"Put a mask on Jim Valiant?" Fran Simpson questioned unbelievingly. "They can't do that. It would be like covering up a beautiful sculpture or not allowing a bird to sing. It would be terrible. He's the most gorgeous hunk of man I've ever seen. I buy tickets to the matches just to look at him."

Jim Valiant loves girls of all shapes and sizes. But he doesn't want to be thought of as a sculpture or a painting—no matter how flattering. He's a wrestler first, and although he doesn't want to, he may have to put on a mask to prove it.



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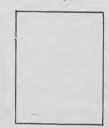
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Smiling devilishly, Roop gently picked Coco up—upside down—and held him around the waist as Coco's head pointed southward. Hoisting him on his shoulder, Roop started running for the far corner. But just before he reached it he lowered his victim, drove a knee into his collarbone, flipped him on his back and pinned him. The result? A trip to the hospital for Coco with a busted collarbone. For Roop: another victory—and another florist's bill.

Roop has probably put more wrestlers into the hospital than anyone around today simply because the hold he uses to polish them off is specifically designed to break their collarbones. But Bob isn't all bad. Every opponent he has sent to the hospital has received a dozen roses and a "get well soon" card.

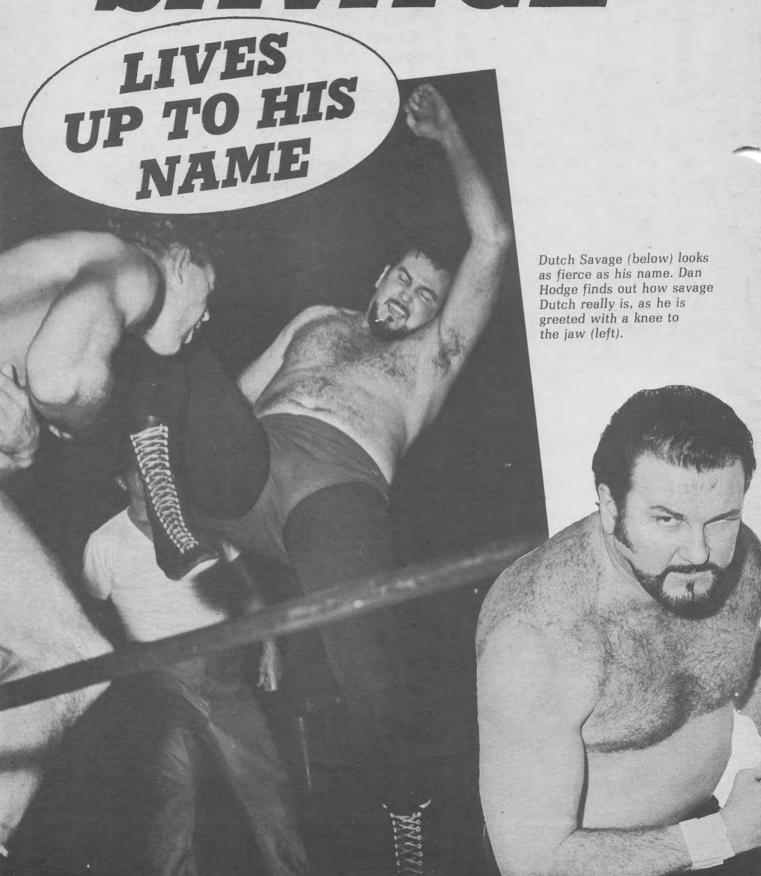
"That's just to show them I have no hard feelings," the 5-8, 265-pound Roop says. "Some of these fellows take it personally. They don't understand they're just so much meat to me. I treat 'em all the same. I try to put 'em all in the hospital. That way they can't accuse me of favoritism."

A former college football star and wrestler at both Michigan State (Continued on page 58) It's no secret that every wrestler in the business is out to get Bob Roop. They figure they've got to end his reign of terror to save their own necks!



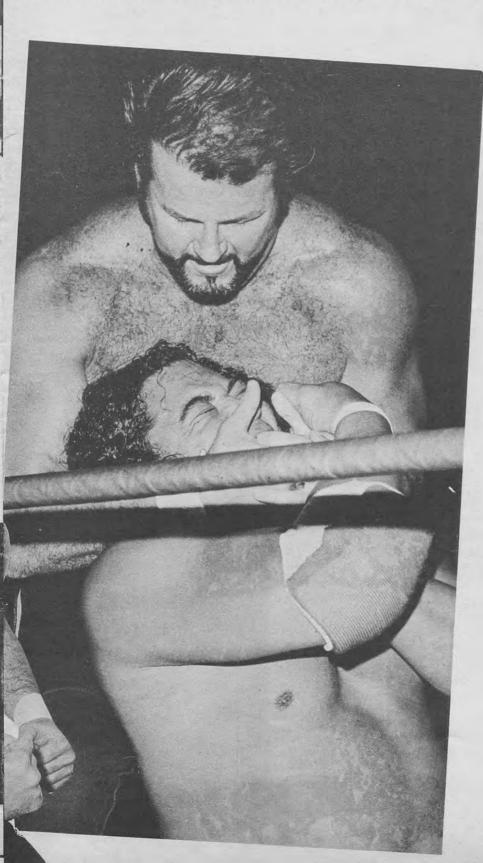
Bob Roop (left) took Eddie Graham's advice and developed a new and unique hold, similar to a neckbreaker. As shown against Manny Soto (above), he slams his helpless opponent's collarbone down against his knee. The victim usually winds up with a busted collarbone or only a dislocated shoulder, if he's lucky. Seven states have outlawed the hold.

DUTCH SAVAGE



Ruggedly handsome. Self-confident. Arrogant. Vicious. Unpopular.

Those are the words fans use to describe big Dutch Savage, a man who has mixed every foul known to professional wrestling with a unique scientific ability to achieve the heights he enjoys today. Here is an exclusive interview with Savage conducted by our correspondent...



Interview conducted by Sue Long

Question: Where were you born and how old are you?

Answer: I was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, grew up all over the United States, attended the University of West Virginia, where I obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education. How old I am is none of your damn business! I'm 6-4 and weigh 271 pounds and I'm beautiful. What else do you want to know?

Q: Do you have any brothers and sisters?

A: Two brothers, and they shall remain anonymous.

Q: When was your first pro bout, who did you wrestle and where?

A: I can hardly remember. It was 11 years ago. I was wrestling in Cincinnati. I jumped into the ring and beat Gene Kiniski. That was before Gene became champion.

Q: Do you expect us to believe that in your very first bout you beat Gene Kiniski?

A: Believe what you want—I'm telling you what happened!

Q: Fans and other wrestlers insist that you hide foreign objects in that knee pad you always wear. Do you?

A: That's for me to know and

Peter Maivia grimaces in pain as Dutch tries to rip the Hawaiian's mouth apart. Savage claims he beat Gene Kiniski in his first pro bout.



them to find out.

Q: Why are you so secretive? A: I don't trust you reporters!

Q: Okay, we'll change the subject. What titles or awards have you won in the last 11 years?

A: I was half of the World's Tag-Team Champions with Don Jardine-that's the World Tag-Team title, I might emphasize. Bob Brown and I were Canadian Tag-Team Champions and Dick the Bruiser and I held the International Tag-Team Championship, which we won from Baba and Yashimora in Tokyo. I'm now the Northwest Heavyweight Champion and I've held the Midwestern and United States titles. Right now I'm trying to get a match with Dory Funk Jr. so I can add the World's Championship to my list!

Q: Would you rather wrestle alone or as part of a team?

A: Alone. Trust thyself and no one else!

Q: Why are you a dirty wrestler?

A: That's your opinion. Let's say I'll do anything to win.

Q: Since you'll do anything—what's your usual strategy?

A: Same answer—to win! Any way I can. If a man sticks out a leg—I'll break it. Same with an arm. At the end they raise my hand and not my opponent's. That

Q: What do you consider your greatest asset?

A: Me!

means more money for me.

Q: You mentioned money. Is that why you became a pro wrestler?

A: Exactly. I quit pro football to wrestle. I was an All-American at West Virginia in my junior year. I was All-Conference three years in a row. Then I played with the Washington Redskins after college.

Q: How do you compare the two as contact sports?

A: No comparison. In football you have 11 men on your team—22 guys on the field at the same time. In wrestling you're all alone. It's a lot tougher than football, believe me.

Q: What do you consider your greatest asset?

A: Me!

O: You?

A: Yes, me. I am my biggest asset. I do it all by myself. I need no help. I ask for none.

Q: Since you are your own greatest asset how much time do you work out to keep your greatest asset in shape?

A: I don't work out. I wrestle five nights a week, all up and down the west coast and in Hawaii. I figure 45 minutes in the ring is enough work for one day. Weight lifters and those other guys who spend hours fooling around in the gym bore me.

Q: Isn't it fellows like you who cause people to say wrestling is a

Typical of the kind of viciousness you can expect from Savage is this kick to the groin of Peter Maivia. It is so brutal Pete's entire body is lifted off the canvas.

fake and that wrestlers aren't really in good condition?

A: Ask those people to get into the ring with me. I'll show them where the bear goes in the woods.

Q: Would you then like to see wrestling classified as a sport rather than an exhibition?

A: The people who classify it as an exhibition don't know what they're talking about. Did you know that professional wrestling outdraws pro football, baseball and basketball combined every



year? Do you know why? Every night of every God-given day of the year there are at least 20 cities in the United States running a wrestling "exhibition," if you want to call it that. That's big money. I'm talking about \$60,000 at the Cow Palace and \$100,000 at Madison Square Garden. Anyone who thinks this is an exhibition is a hypocrite.

Q: Speaking of hypocrites, are you friends with most of your opponents outside the ring or do you



Q: Would you rather wrestle alone or as part of a team?

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really have grudges?

A: I've got a lot of grudges. Many remain to be settled.

Q: What type of relationship do you have with most of the other wrestlers?

A: I speak to them. I say "hello." I say "goodbye." That's it.

Q: You once gave a description about how you feel about some other wrestlers—Man Mountain Mike in particular. Would you care to repeat it?

A: Man Mountain Mike is a freak. He's detrimental to the business. He's not a true wrestler. Anybody over 600 pounds can't be a true wrestler. He has to be a freak. People like him give wrestling a bad reputation!

Q: If wrestling has a bad reputation, what would you do if you had the power to change it—if you were in charge?

A: I'd give the wrestlers more money.

Q: That's all?

A: That's all!

Q: You've said that Man Mountain Mike isn't a good wrestler. Who in your opinion are the good wrestlers.

A: Me. Also Don Leo Ionathan

and Gene Kiniski. You can also add Lonnie Mayne. After that they're all the same.

Q: It's pretty well known that you're a dirty wrestler. Does that hurt you when it comes to public

A: I've been on the "Sports Hot-Seat" TV show in Canada and on the Johnny Carson Show in the United States. I've appeared throughout America—and you call me a dirty wrestler. Fine with

attitudes and opinions.

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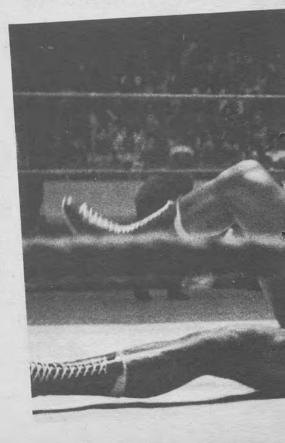
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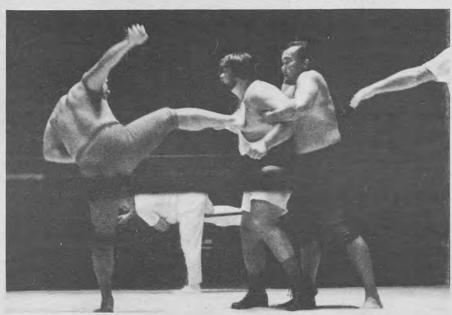


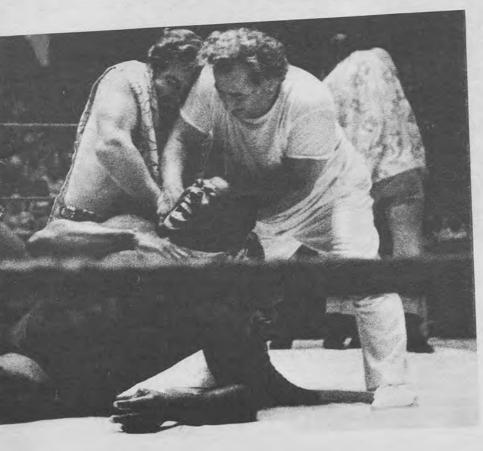
Promoter Frank Tunney (above) is the brains behind the fence. It helps protect wrestlers from the fans—but not from other wrestlers. Bobo Brazil (below) wishes he was fenced out as Reginald Love wraps a piece of rope around his neck.





The Love Brothers (left) acknowledge boos of the crowd. Reginald Love almost climbed the fence to get at a young heckler. Below, Mitsu Arakawa and Yoshino Sato soften up popular Mighty Igor. Igor and his partner, Ivan Kalmikoff, got their faces rubbed against the fence by the Japanese tag-team partners.





N SOME ARENAS around the country, wrestlers have been known to carry their battles into the fifth row of seats. In Minnesota, a wrestler once chased his foe clear up to the balcony, where they battled for a full five minutes!

These out-of-the-ring exploits have resulted in injuries to both fans and wrestlers, causing promoters to desperately try to find ways to stop it. One promoter finally has—and his solution is so simple it's difficult to figure out why nobody thought of it long before.

At Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens, wrestlers don't get stabbed by fans and fans don't get wrestlers dumped into their laps—not since they put up *The Fence*.

The fence, a silver, chain-link, five-foot-tall barrier, surrounds the ring at Maple Leaf Gardens. It looms six feet away from the ring and the closest fans sit about two feet behind it. People in ringside seats have to look *through* it in order to see the wrestlers.

The fence was put up a few years ago when promoter Frank Tunney got a little tired of having his wrestlers attacked by irate fans. Since he installed it, not one fan has been able to get close enough to the ring to harm a single wrestler.

"The fence helps keep my wrestlers alive," Tunney says. "A few years ago I used to have my hands full with fans who actually climbed onto the ring apron trying to get at the wrestlers they really hated. I simply had to put a stop to it. So we built the fence. Now if a fan tries to get at one of the wrestlers he has to be very quick to get over the fence before the guards pull him down. A few have tried it. None has ever made it. Whenever our guards spot a brave fan trying to make it over the fence they grab him and make him leave the arena."

The fence, of course, works both

ways. While it keeps the bad guys away from dangerously irate fans, it also keeps the good guys away from

their adoring public.

"I don't like that fence at all," said enormously popular Lord Layton. "It puts a barrier between me and my fans. Sometimes a little fellow will want my autograph and I can't oblige him because he can't get past that blasted fence! Maybe if I were a dirty wrestler I'd look at it differently. It does protect those nasty chaps, you know."

While the fence does protect dirty wrestlers from fans, it also protects fans from dirty wrestlers. Many villains have admitted the urge to climb over the fence to get at some heckling fan.

"Last week," said Reginald Love, of the Love Brothers, "me and my brother were wrestling Dom DiNucci and Bobo Brazil. At one point during the match I discovered that a rope had somehow come into my possession and, strangely enough, it managed to wind itself around Brazil's throat!

"Some ragamuffin about three rows back starts yelling to the referee that I was choking Brazil with a rope. Well, if there's one thing I do not like 'it's being snitched on. So I let go of the rope and climbed out of the ring and walked over to the fence. I was ready to climb that fence and go after that loudmouth. Imagine. Yelling out to the referee, 'Hey refthat queer has a rope!' How uncouth. Anyway, when I got to the fence that loudmouth was already there. But he changed his mind and chickened out. I would have gone after him but at the last second I decided against it. He wasn't worth getting my license suspended. I wouldn't want that to happen. Then my poor brother would have to wrestle all alone."

Sometimes the fence is used as a weapon, especially when the Japanese "Torture Duo," Yoshino Sato and Mitsu Arakawa, are in the ring. In a recent match against the "Torture Duo," Mighty Igor and Ivan Kalmikoff became very well acquainted with the fence.

"They threw us out of the ring," Igor said. "Then they grabbed us by

Lord Layton is about to topple Chris Tolos by pulling his foot out from under him (right). Layton does not like the fence because it keeps him from meeting his fans and signing autographs before his bouts. Below, Hans Schmidt tries to pin Dom DeNucci. The bald villain doesn't like the fence either but for different reasons. The fence makes it difficult for him to get chairs from outside the ring.

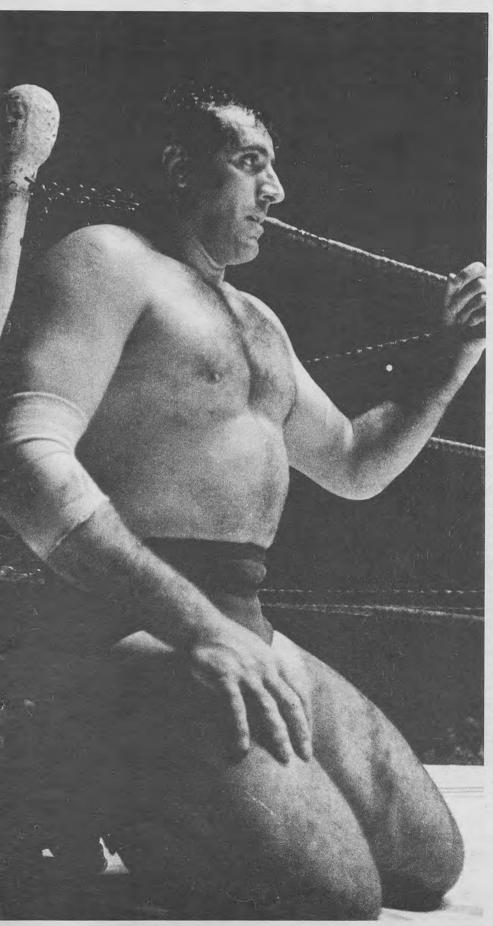




the backs of our heads and put our faces against the fence. Then they rubbed them right and left, right and left. We were ripped up real bad. Those chain-link fences are pretty sharp. It's a hazard. I think they should take it down."

Of course the fence has had its comical moments as well. Dom Di-Nucci, who has met the fence faceto-face on more than one occasion, remembers one time in particular.

"I was wrestling Chris Tolos and he threw me out of the ring," Dom recalls. "That was nothing new for him. But this particular time he threw me a little harder than usual. I sailed over the top rope and crashlanded right into the fence! It knocked the whole thing down.



Dom DeNucci sits on ring apron after being thrown from the ring by Chris Tolos. He broke the fence when he landed and was chastised by an old lady who told him to keep to his own side of the fence! "I never laughed so hard in my life," remembered DeNucci.

"There I was, half-conscious, lying on top of a broken fence, and this little old lady comes over and taps me on the shoulder. She must have been 60 or 70 years old. 'Hey you,' she says to me, looking me straight in the eye. 'Get back on your side of the fence. You're not supposed to be here. This is fans' territory. Scat!' I never laughed so hard in all my life!"

Hans Schmidt doesn't think the fence is all that funny. In one match, against Tiger Jeet Singh in a different arena, he and Singh wound up throwing chairs at each other. Schmidt got the worst of it. On a TV show he vowed he'd crack the Tiger's head with a chair in their next match. The next match was booked for Maple Leaf Gardens—and Hans was kind of embarrassed after having told a TV audience and newspapermen what he'd do. There was no way he could get to the chairs. They were outside the fence!

Most of the villains other than Schmidt are quite happy about being fenced in—or out—as the case may be. "I haven't been stabbed in over two years here," said Bulldog Hennig. "It's a pleasure."

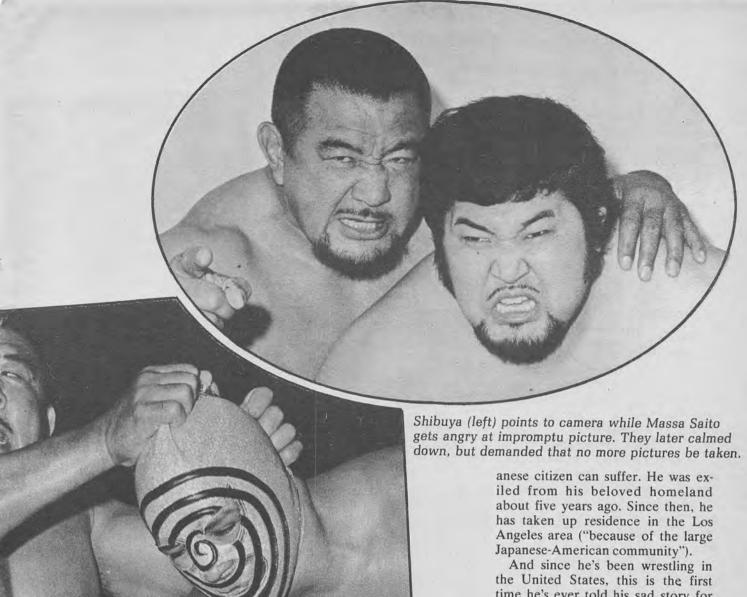
Although both Toronto fans and the wrestlers who appear there are used to the fence, there is still a great deal of controversy about it. Is it a good idea since it protects wrestlers from irate fans? Or is it a bad idea since wrestlers can't sign autographs?

What do you think? And don't try to stay on the fence!

KENJI SHIBUYA'S TERRIBLE BRAND OF TORTURE

The next time you see Shibuya torturing a victim you'll understand why, and perhaps not hate him so much...providing you read this exclusive interview...





N THE LIVING room wall of the small, two-bedroom house set in a quiet Los Angeles suburb, is a huge mural. It depicts a snowcapped Mt. Fujiyama. In each bedroom are travel posters showing scenes of crowded Tokyo or the rural beauty of the Japanese countryside.

Kenji Shibuya (left)

is undergoing a type

of mental torture few

people can imagine.

rip mask from head

After this match, El

something across the

Shibuya. It resulted

Above, he tries to

of El Sicodelico.

Sicodelico yelled

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exclusive story of

one of wrestling's

untold tragedies.

For Kenji Shibuva and Massa Saito, the mural and the posters are as close as they can get to homefor a while, anyway.

"Five more years," said Shibuya. "Only five more years and we can go home. Maybe by then they'll have forgotten and I can start all over."

Shibuya, Saito's cousin, suffered the worst possible punishment a Japtime he's ever told his sad story for any American publication.

It started when this reporter entered the Olympic Arena dressing room to interview Mil Mascaras and El Sicodelico after their recent match against Saito and Shibuya, a bout in which the Japanese team was disqualified. Before that match, Shibuya had put on a karate demonstration, breaking a rock in half and explaining that the same punishment awaited Mascaras.

After the match, in which Shibuya failed to break Mascaras in half as he had threatened, Mil's partner, El Sicodelico, yelled across the dressing room to Shibuya.

"Kenji! If you like karate so much why don't you give up wrestling and go back to Japan to take up karate full time."

Shibuya said nothing. He only glared across the room at Sicodelico. Then he sat down, put his head in his hands and seemed to be crying.

Shibuya and Saito are not friendly to reporters and previous attempts

to interview them had always failed. But the sight of this tough man, obviously broken up, was too much to overlook. Saito wouldn't let us get near Shibuya, but after a quick conversation, in Japanese, he gave us their home address and invited us to come over to get a "real story. But no pictures," Saito said. "I don't want any fans finding out where we live."

When we got there, Shibuya was in a much better mood. Tea was set out and, sitting on floor cushions,

Kenji began his story.

"It was five years ago in Tokyo.
Massa Saito was wrestling Baba the
Giant for the championship of all
Japan. It was a great event that had
to be held in an outdoor stadium because no indoor arena was big
enough. It was the biggest thing to

"Baba is a great idol in Japan. His picture is even on billboards.

happen in Japan in long time.

"So...Baba wrestled Saito and I was in Saito's corner, like his manager. It was a big opportunity for Saito to get a chance to win Baba's championship.

"During the match, Baba picked up Saito and threw him over the ropes. Saito crashed into the TV equipment and ripped open his head on a camera. He was unconscious. It was an accident but I did not realize it at the time. Baba was upset at what happened so he went out of the ring to see how bad Saito was hurt. I became so angry I could not control myself and I picked up a portable TV camera to smash over Baba's head. Then I stomped him. I did not know what I was doing.

"The whole thing was seen on television. I couldn't walk in street any more. One week after, I went before the wrestling commission. It was the saddest day of my life."

At this point, it became difficult for Shibuya to continue, and Saito took over the explanation.

"The commission banned Kenji from wrestling in Japan. But the people were not happy with that. The leading newspaper wrote an editorial that the only way Shibuya could save face was to exile himself.

"Then, two days later, Baba came down with a paralysis in his neck



Saito has Mil Mascaras on the verge of conceding as he tries to rip arm out of its socket (above). But woozy Mascaras is tagged by El Sicodelico, who flies in to dump Saito (right).





Nope, Saito and Shibuya aren't carrying Mascaras. With El Sicodelico having been thrown from the ring, Mil leaps into the air and clamps a headlock on Shibuya and a leg scissors on Saito—at the same time!

and on his left side. He eventually recovered, but at the time it was feared he would never wrestle again. Shibuya had no choice. He went on television to explain it had been an accident, he had lost his head and he meant no harm, and he was honestly sorry. To show he was—he voluntarily accepted exile."

Saito, who had gone to high school in the United States for awhile, knew some people in Los Angeles, so Shibuya headed there.

"I felt a little better," Shibuya said, "that I was among friends. They did not know about the scandal and they treated me well. I applied for an American wrestling license and in



my first match, fans booed me when I approached the ring. They have not seen me wrestle and already they did not like Shibuya. I wondered if they knew about the scandal. How was it possible?

"Later I found out that all Japanese wrestlers in the United States were villains. Fans thought I also was a villain. No matter where I went they booed and threw things. I decided that if they would do such things I will be a villain too.

"Pretty soon I was a good villain. But still it was lonely here. I kept dreaming all the time of Japan. I wrote a letter to Saito asking him to come here and wrestle tag-team with me. If not for Saito I would have gone crazy during the exile.

"I like the United States. It's a good place. But I am homesick. In the dressing room when Sicodelico told me 'Go back to Japan,' it hurt. I almost cried. He didn't mean it, I know. But that hurt me. I wish I could go back to Japan."

That was one of the reasons Saito and Shibuya were so happy when they won the Americas Tag-Team Championship about a year agothe same title they recently lost to

Black Gordman and Goliath. "When I go back to Tokyo," Shi-



Saito howls in pain after a fan dumped a container of beer over his head (left). Above, Saito takes the plunge off the top rope. But when he lands, he discovers Mascaras has already rolled out of the way.

Kenji Shibuya breaks a rock with his bare hands during a TV demonstration of his karate ability. "This is what I plan to do to Mascaras," Shibuya insisted. "I will break him in half!"



and Shibuya have won the tag-team championship in the United States. That is a very big honor. Maybe then they won't hate me any more."

The goal for Shibuya is to regain the tag-team title so he can have the belt when he returns to Japan. He feels that it will help him gain re-ac-

"In this country," Saito said, "the people think Japanese wrestlers are villains no matter what. In Japan, Shibuya was not a villain-until the incident with Baba. That is why we do not care how we wrestle here. Here is not important. What is important is that we win that belt back any way we can so Shibuya can take it to Japan. That is what is important buya said, "I will tell everyone Saito to him. That is why we sometimes

get disqualified-like with Mascaras and Sicodelico. Shibuya thinks about how much he wants the championship and I do too. We will do anything to get it!"

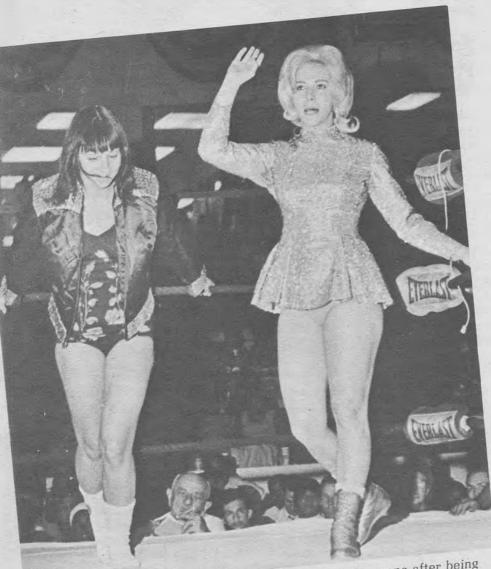
As it turned out, we got more of a story than we ever expected. We left the small frame house, but before doing so, were shown some pictures of the beautiful Japanese countryside that Shibuya had in an album.

"Soon I can go home," he said. "You know, it is strange. They say Shibuya and Saito sometimes torture opponents. They do not know. For last few years I have had mental torture much worse. My opponents after a match they can go home. Shibuya cannot. It is a worse torture, no?"

THE DAY MARCHED ON

LOVELY JOYCE GRABLE WAS SICK AND TIRED OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY?" SHE WANTED TO KNOW. EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN IN THIS COUNTRY."

POINT, HER WORDS



Joyce Grable waves to huge crowd in Washington, D.C., arena after being introduced. Her partner that night, Donna Christanello, loosens her powerful muscles while waiting for her own introduction.

OYCE GRABLE'S HAIR was wet with perspiration and it clung to the side of her face. Her right eye was puffy and it would surely be discolored by morning. Usually, Joyce, who is one of the prettiest of the women wrestlers, wouldn't think of being seen in public without having had a facial and a hairset. But this night was different. Joyce and her partner had just survived a tag-team match against Bette Boucher and Toni Rose. But Joyce didn't want to talk about the match.

"We came to Washington to protest," Joyce said, and she swelled her body up to say the words—she was still panting from the effects of the match.

"We want to know all about this equal opporunity baloney. There are still a lot of states in this country where women are not allowed to wrestle. Why? That's what all of us want to know. Why? Aren't we allowed to earn a living? When we wrestle, we wrestle! We don't stage girlie shows. We are woman athletes. We think there are a lot

THE GIRLS WASHINGTON

THE WHOLE THING. "WHAT DO THEY MEAN BY "I'M ALL FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, BUT I'M ALSO FOR WHEN JOYCE'S BLOOD REACHED THE BOILING TURNED TO ACTION

of lawmakers and do-gooders who are just hypocrites. They talk about equal opportunity but they don't do anything about it. They don't mean it."

Donna Christanello, Joyce's partner, joined in. "That's right," she blustered. "Anybody can go right down the line here and walk into a movie where there is love-making and nudity and I don't know what-all. That's legal. But what do we do? We wrestle. That's all. There is nothing suggestive in what we do. Hell, you can't be sexy when somebody is trying to rip your head off. And we have rules, you know. The only thing wrong with girl wrestling is that a lot of dirty old men think we have some sort of a sex circus going."

One look at Donna would convince even a "dirty old man" that she hadn't been involved in a sex circus. Donna sported a long scratch down the side of her face, a slightly swollen nose and a hole in her upper lip through which a tooth had been jolted. If sex had been concerned, from the evi-



Bette Boucher (left) and her partner, Toni Rose, glare at our photographer moments after the opening bell. Although Boucher and Rose have long resented the popularity of Joyce Grable, they joined Joyce in the Washington crusade.

dence, it had to have been the wildest party since the Marquis de Sade was dividing Gallia up into sections.

Joyce Grable, when she isn't wrestling, is pert, blonde and beautiful. But let her set her jaw in determination and she becomes stern, blonde and beautiful. This was the night she was stern.

Joyce explained: "I was wrestling in Kansas City the other night when I got a phone call from Fabulous Moolah. She was excited, happily excited as she told me that she was calling from New Jersey, where she had just finished a match. 'New Jersey,' I said, not believing my ears. 'Why there has been a ban on girl wrestling in New Jersey for years.' Moolah laughed. 'Well, the ban is off. We have been given the green light again in New Jersey.' Moolah told me that the Jersey crowd loved the show and that she had received all kinds of offers to come back just as often as she wanted.

"For a while I was just as thrilled as Moolah. Then I had other thoughts. Why the devil did they ever ban girl wrestling in Jersey in the first place? And what about all those other states that refuse to license us? New York, for instance. Just think of the crowds we would draw in New York state. For crying out loud, is this democracy. Is this equal opportunity?

"Anyway, I had a brainstorm. I asked Donna Christanello to join me and she said sure. Then I called Bette Boucher. She said that she and Toni Rose would Right: Grable puts all her strength into headlock in an attempt to make Toni Rose give up. The referee presses close to Toni and keeps asking, "have you had enough?" Toni withstood the pressure and finally broke free. She later admitted, "that headlock made me dizzy for the rest of the match. Below: Grable lands perfect drop-kick on Christanello's chest, setting her up for pin in first fall.









come with us. I wanted to come to Washington where we could lay our cause before the American Congress. How about that?

"You know I have no love for Bette Boucher, or for Toni Rose either. But we all have one thing in common. We're women. I told them that if they'd come to Washington with me I would ask promoter Vince McMahon to get us a booking there. That way we'd even pay our own transportation. So tonight we wrestled in Washington. I'm going to kill that Toni Rose one of these daysshe plays rough. But I'm not going to kill her tomorrow because tomorrow all four of us are going to sit on some senator's doorsteps. We want to know why, if they're so all fired-up about equal opportunity, why they don't mean it for women as well as men?

"I believe blacks should get the same breaks that whites get. I also believe women should get the same breaks as men. That's democracy, isn't it? Or do those dirty old men think that if a woman raises a sweat in the ring that she's a bad girl? You know, in the same towns where they won't let women wrestle they have strip shows, nude stage shows and movies where, for crying out loud, they show the latest Swedish bed inventions."

Joyce Grable upsets easily. In the ring that night she had much cause to be upset—most of the cause was Toni Rose. Toni, a comely brunette, does not appear to have much venom in her

fangs—but things aren't always how they appear.

Toni has a number of gambits in her wrestling purse. On this night in Washington, she displayed most of them. There was the time when she got into an argument with the referee-a brisk enough argument so that his attention was away from the corner where Toni's partner, Bette Boucher, was throttling Donna Christanello. There was also the slight interval when Toni heard as much of the referee's count as she dared while she was holding Donna next to the ropes so that Bette could direct a series of drop kicks into Donna's belly.

There was more than a little retaliation, however. There was the time when Joyce threw a beautiful drop kick at Toni's chest; another time when Joyce got a headlock on Toni that threatened to tear off the brunette's scalp and the time that Joyce used a flying mare to bounce Bette

off the ring post.

It was that kind of a night. "But tomorrow morning we are going to be up bright and early," Bette said. "We are going to make a tour of Congress. We are going to go to our own Representatives and our own Senators and then we're going to try and grab every Congressman in sight, no matter where they come from. Joyce is right in this. Why should women be deprived of a livihood in a sport that men indulge in? See the newspapers lately? See how wowoman jockeys are allowed to race against male jockeys?

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Why not, that's what I say. Women can do anything men can do. And, if a woman can do it, why should the law refuse to let her do it?

"It's like Joyce says. These laws were made years ago by people who didn't know what they were doing. Now the laws are kept on the books by dirty old men. Let me tell you, brother, if that wrestling match we had tonight was sex, there wouldn't be any more human race!"

It rained the following morning in Washington. Joyce and Donna had hidden the scars of the previous night's warfare with cosmetics. The four girls met in front of their hotel and took a cab to the Capitol building. They split into twosomes and then started the canvassing of representatives and senators, which would take all day.

When it was over, Toni called it "a helluva day." Joyce explained: "We talked to more congressmen than I ever knew existed," she said. "Some were darn nice; a couple of them wanted to take us out. But what could they do for us? Nothing. They have a new dodge; it's this: 'That's a state matter, my dear,' they tell you. 'I sure wish I could help y'all, but there's such a thing as state's right, y'know.' Did you ever hear anything like that?"

And what are the girls going to do now? March on the capital of every state that doesn't allow women to wrestle?

"No," Joyce said, "that's not practical. But what we have to do is organize. What we have to do is to get a war chest started; money to



Most savage exchanges in bout were between Toni Rose and Donna Christanello. Above: Toni (light suit) is whipped across the ring by Donna. But Rose recovered quickly and managed to bring Donna to her knees, get behind her, then slam away at Christanello's back and kidneys. This savage attack weakened Donna badly and just as she was about to fall apart, Joyce Grable came to her rescue.



fight this thing. Maybe we can get the promoters to help. We're good for the wrestling business; we know that as well as they do. Maybe the promoters will try pressuring their state capitals—or maybe they'll just refuse to put on any more shows until women are given the right to be equal."

"A fat chance they'd do that," Toni Rose sneered. Behind her, Bette Boucher tittered.

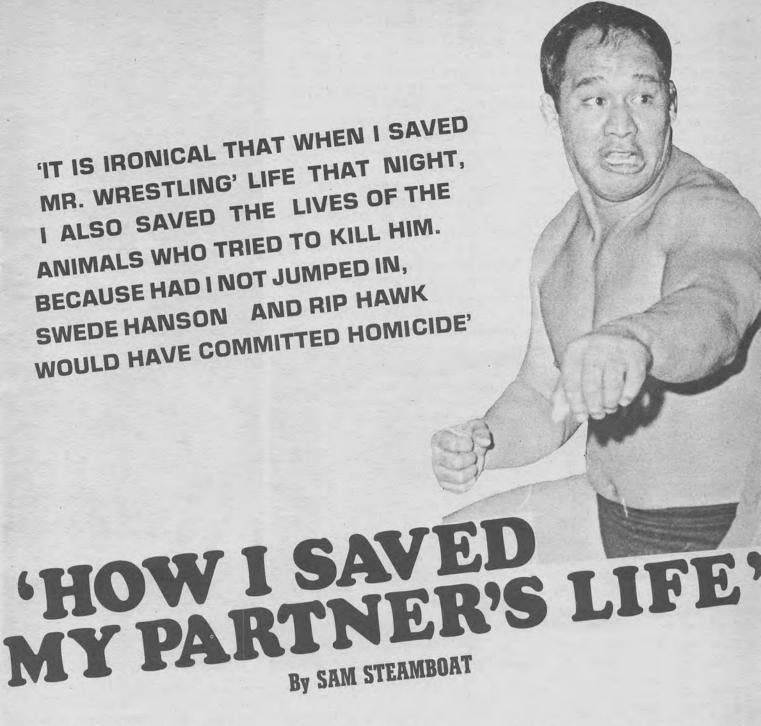
"It might not be such a dumb idea," Donna Christanello said. "All they'd have to do is to call off one show and say why they called it off. That would give the thing a heck of a lot of publicity. That's all we need publicity. We have to reach the people—the right people—the people who make the laws."

The girls had to leave. They were wrestling in Georgia the following night.

"Oh, one thing more, Toni," Joyce said.

"What's that, Joyce?"

"You kick me in the stomach tomorrow night like you did here in Washington and I'll split your head open."



THIS STORY IS TRUE. And the names have not been changed to protect the guilty. The guilty are Rip Hawk and Swede Hanson. Their crime might have been Homicide!

I am Sam Steamboat. I have been a headline professional wrestler for many years. I'm sure you know me. I'm from Hawaii. I am the tag team partner of that great wrestler, Mr. Wrestling. This story is about Mr. Wrestling and the night he almost ceased to be my partner

-ceased to be alive...

I guess the story really begins in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. Wrestling and I had a tough match in Charlotte. We wrestled Rip Hawk and Swede Hanson. And we beat them. Hawk and Hanson holds the Atlantic Coast Tag Team Championship. But even though we beat them—and beat them good—we did not win the championship. In was claimed, after the match, that it had been a non-title bout. We had endured every dirty trick

that pair knew and then we were cheated out of the title.

Just when Mr. Wrestling and I were feeling despondent over not gaining the title, we received an offer for a rematch with Hanson and Hawk, this time for the title. The place would be Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. Wrestling and I drove from Charlotte toward Norfolk about three days before the rematch was to take place. We wanted to have enough time to whip ourselves into the best physical condition of our lives. This time we would defeat Hawk and Hanson and win the championship. That was our plan. It's funny how fate will intervene just when everything seems to be going so well.

I was driving the car, a rented Buick. It was night time. We had just crossed over the state line into Virginia when the road curved treacherously. I made the tight turn and without warning, there before us was a stalled pickup truck piled high with crates of chickens.

I pushed the brake pedal almost through the floor boards. The brakes groaned in an effort to stop the car but my speed and

the road and tried to talk to him. Maybe I even cried a little. There was no blood. Suddenly his eyes opened. He tried to smile but then he grimaced. Something hurt bad.

"What is it?" I asked.

"My head," he said. "My head hurts something awful."

And all the while I was holding his head in my lap there was a cloud of chicken feathers in the air, shaken loose when we hit. Soon the owner of the truck came running. He had run out of gas, he said, and went for some. He started to give me hell for hitting his truck-the truck he left blindly in the middle of the road. I had about all I was going



to take when the state police drove up.

This was a good cop. He was almost as big as I am. I told him what happened and who Mr. Wrestling and I were. He crowded us into his patrol car. "We've got to get this man to a hospital," he said. I couldn't have agreed more

I hardly remember that ride. We had the siren screaming and the cop knew the road. But, to this day, I don't even know the name of the hospital. Anyway, Mr. Wrestling was given some tests and made to remain in the hospital overnight. The cop Mr. Wrestling twists in agony after Hawk and Hanson beat him brutally about the head (left, below). He was saved in the nick of time when Steamboat leaped to his rescue (rt). But soon after Sam made the rescue, he became the target. To top his attack, Hawk grabbed the microphone and used it like a club on Steamboat's head (below).



found a good motel for me to stay in. The next morning at the hospital, Mr. Wrestling was waiting for me.

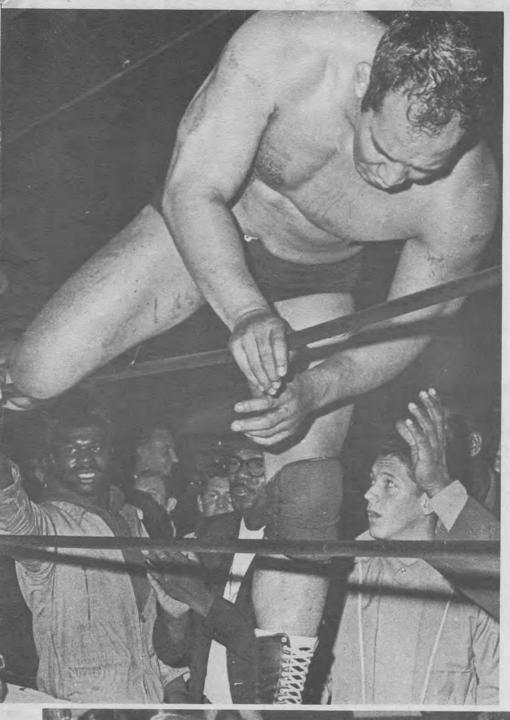
"I'm all right," he said. "There's no problem."

As Mr. Wrestling went to the cashier's office to pay his bill, I asked for the doctor who had treated him. Fortunately, the doctor was close by.

"He has insisted on leaving the hospital," the doctor told me. "I wanted him to stay in bed longer but he refused. He said you and he had an appointment in Norfolk and he couldn't disappoint you. Frankly," the doctor

momentum was too great. I tried swerving out of the way of the truck but there hadn't been enough warning. CRASH! We hit the left rear end of the truck! I was thrown free from the car on impact. Don't ask me how. I landed, a little dazed, in soft earth just off the road.

"Wrestling," I yelled. "Where are you?" I ran to our car and there, slumped in front, was Mr. Wrestling. His head had splintered the windshield. He was unconscious. Slowly, I pulled him out of the front seat. My God. I didn't know if he was alive or dead. I laid him down on



added, "he has a brain concussion. I wouldn't want him to do anything strenuous. Even a slight jar could be fatal."

Do nothing strenuous! No, he wouldn't be doing anything strenuous—only take on two of the toughest buys in wrestling!

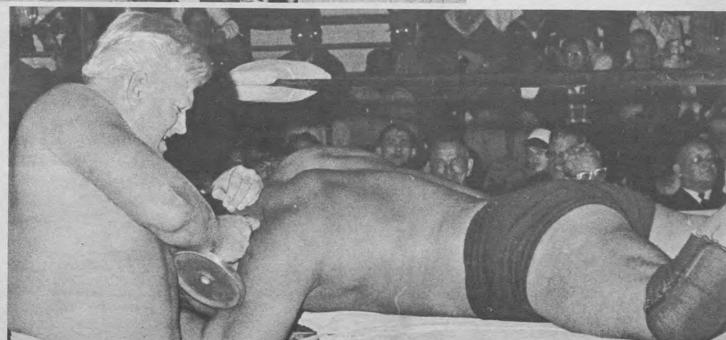
Sure, I pleaded with Mr. Wrestling. But that's like talking to the wall. He was positive that we were going to wrestle Hawk and Hanson. Stubborn! And I had to promise him that I would say nothing to anybody about the accident.

"We're going to beat those soand-sos," Mr. Wrestling said. "When we leave Norfolk we're going to leave with the championship belts!

He almost left in a hearse.

Norfolk is a great wrestling center. People come from miles around. It's hard, I'm told, to get a seat. It's usually a sellout. It sure was a sellout this night. I swear they had fans hanging from the rafters. And the fans were all rooting for Mr. Wrestling and yours truly, Sam Steamboat. It seemed that there were hundreds of them crowding us at ringside trying to get our autographs.

All the while Mr. Wrestling was smiling. I kept asking him how he felt. He said he was fine. There wasn't any way to know if he was kidding or not, because



his mask hid whatever expression was on his face.

I started first. I drew Swede Hanson as my opponent. I had made Mr. Wrestling promise to let me do most of the work this night. I didn't want to endanger him. "I want you in the ring only when I'm in trouble," I told him. "And only when it's big trouble."

I had Hanson in a half-nelson, but he managed to throw me off. I landed on my back in the corner. I wasn't hurt. I was just about ready to spring up when I was clouted on the head with tremendous force. Then, before I could think, what seemed like a snake clutched about my throat and I was being strangled.

What had happened was that Rip Hawk had grabbed the announcer's microphone and twisted the mike cord around my neck. The man is a sadist! Then he took the microphone and belted me across the ear with its metal base. My ear split and blood poured all over me. I reached back and, over my head, landed a punch right in Hawk's eye. He squealed and let go. I pretended to be ready to go after him and he raced around the ring, climbed onto the apron and tagged Hanson. What they were doing was clear. They were going to gang up on me and then be free, they thought, to go after Mr. Wrestling.

From then on, Hanson and Hawk tried everything they could on me. Mostly they tried to strangle me. My neck seemed to have a fascination for them. I was choked, strangled, punched and kicked in the neck. Mr. Wrestling made his appearance when Hawk was about ready to give me his "piledriver." I didn't need that help though. Hawk never got his piledriver off. Instead I got him in a reverse press and pinned him for the first fall. One more fall and the title would be ours!

But that second fall would be



Above: While Hanson (rt) helps to hold down Mr. Wrestling, Hawk clubs the masked star over the head with a piece of wood. Right: Hawk's fist is about to crash into Steamboat's face. Sam became the prime target for Hanson and Hawk when the bout began, and only after they felt that Steamboat had been softened up, did they switch their savage attack to Mr. Wrestling. Below: Sam is hurt by Hanson.





a long time coming. Hawk and Hanson kept trying to strangle me. This time it worked. I took a Judo chop in the windpipe that made me black out for a moment. In that moment, before Mr. Wrestling could rescue me, Hawk had his pin. Hawk and Hanson were using a well-thought out plan to get me. One of them would argue with the referee and while the ref's time was taken up with the argument, the other guy would try to strangle me. Nice fellows!

As bad off and as sick as I felt, the worse was still to come. Hawk and Mr. Wrestling were bouncing off each other when Mr. Wrestling got too near the apron of the ring. Hanson, who was standing on the arena floor, reached in, grabbed one of Mr. Wrestling's legs and tripped him. In an instant, homicide almost occurred! Hawk reached down at the timekeeper's bell and ripped off a heavy piece of wood from its base. Then he started beating Mr. Wrestling over the head with the wood. And then he started gouging Mr. Wrestling with it. In seconds. that white mask Mr. Wrestling wears was covered with blood on the frontal part.

I wanted to yell. I wanted to scream, "That man has a bad concussion, don't hit him on his head!" Of course I didn't scream. Instead I raced across the ring to help my partner. But before I could get there, the referee had pulled Hawk off Mr. Wrestling—but Hanson had pulled Mr. Wrestling down onto the floor of the arena where he continued cracking my partner over the head with that damned piece of wood.

I guess I went berserk. I jumped down to the floor and landed a drop kick on the point of Swede's jaw. That stopped him. Then I jumped back into the ring and went after the Hawk. I

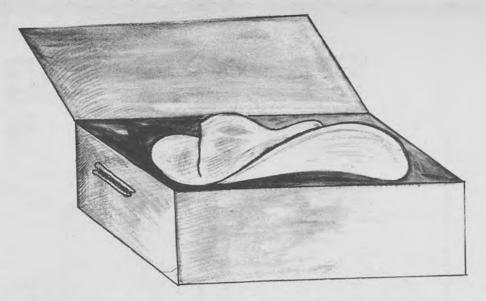
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Above: Steamboat tries desperately to regain his balance after being knocked out of the ring by one of Hawk's blows. But Hawk could not escape punishment despite his apparent control of the bout. He was cut badly around the head and face (rt). Most of the damage was inflicted by Steamboat's dropkicks and elbow smashes. Below: Mr. Wrestling about to catapult Hanson into ropes.







THE DAY THEY BURIED COWBOY ELLIS' FAMOUS HAT

A heart-tugging true story about a little-known side of the popular wrestler, as told by the president of his 4,000-member fan club

By ALICE NEWBERRY

LET'S JUST call him "Johnny." That wasn't his real name, but it doesn't make any difference to this story. What counts is what happened to Johnny one day when he was wasting away with cancer.

His face pale and drawn, Johnny was lying in bed thinking of all the happy things that boys do and wondering, with hope and exultation in his heart, if he'd ever get to do them again.

Once he had thrilled to the click of bat against ball, the clatter of a diving board under his feet, the stirring music of a traveling circus troupe, the taste of a chocolate ice cream cone covered with sprinkles....

But most of all, he loved to watch wrestling matches and he would go wild with excitement when he saw his hero Cowboy Bob Ellis in action on the television screen, bulldogging a vicious opponent to the mat.

Now, this was all he had left for enjoyment. It would have been enough if it weren't for his illness. Johnny, who was only 10 years old, was puzzled by his illness. He was scared, too, though he tried not to show it.

The doctors who came to

visit him didn't help much. They examined him with great solemnity, patted him on the head, held whispered consultations with his mother and then left, shaking their heads.

Johnny's mother knew he didn't have long to live and she wanted to do anything she could to make him happy. So one day she got in touch with Cowboy Ellis, told him about her son and ended with the plea:

"Can you come over and see him? I can't tell you how much that would mean to him."

"I'd consider it a privilege, ma'am," Bob said in his soft Texas drawl.

Coming from most other people, this would have sounded stiff and formal. But Ellis, who has a big spot in his heart for kids, was genuinely sincere.

When Ellis showed up in Johnny's home—his huge, muscular frame filling the bedroom doorway — Johnny's eyes popped with disbelief. He struggled upright, reached out a hand and tried to speak.

"Now, don't get excited," his mother said. Turning to Bob, she pointed to her throat and explained: "Johnny can't speak . . . he's got a growth in his throat."

Ellis and his son, Bob, Jr., in trophy room at the Ellis ranch in Texas. Bronzed hat on mantel is the one he wore the night he beat Buddy Rogers in New York. Bob's fans had the hat bronzed and presented it to him as a tribute.



Flashing a big grin, Ellis shook hands with the boy, pulled up a chair and started talking to him. He talked about many things, about patience and hope and courage. And then he entertained the boy with stories about his wrestling career.

Just before the visit ended, Bob gave Johnny his big cowboy hat as a memento. The kid's eyes were shining with happiness when Ellis left.

It is typical of Cowboy Ellis that he doesn't like to talk about such incidents. He has brought cheer into the lives of many kids, and grownups, too —mostly those confined to homes or hospitals—and he has done it not for show or publicity

but out of a deep compassion for people.

Johnny's case was an especially poignant one. Not longer after his visit, Bob received a letter from Lafayette, Ind. It was from the boy's mother. After telling him the news about her son's death, she thanked Bob for the "wonderful thing" he had done and said Johnny had died happy with the memory of having met his hero in person. Then she wrote: "We buried your hat with the poor child because it meant so much to him."

Ellis was grieved by her loss. "I just hope," he later told a friend, "that I gave Johnny a reason to smile when he had nothing to smile about."

Cowboy Bob Ellis' visit to a dying boy reflects a side of him that very few people know about. There are many other sides. One of them, his love for horses, stems from his childhood days on a Texas ranch. Today, Bob is an accomplished horseman who spends considerable time breeding, training and racing thoroughbreds.

This is not an easy job for a traveling man. Bob clocks about 100,000 miles a year to keep wrestling engagements. Judging by the tons of fan mail he receives, he would have to travel at least another 500,000 miles to please everybody who wants to see him in action.

When he is at his winter home in Phoenix, Ariz., he trains and races his horses at the beautiful Turf Paradise track, often jogging around the track himself a couple of times to keep in peak condition.

Cowboy is as popular in the West as he is in the Midwest, which he tours during the summer months. Wherever possible, he picks his stops with an eye to their proximity to a race-track.

Inveterate track fans are familiar with Bob's fine stable of thoroughbreds, among them Greek Jewel, Subjugator, Speed Trail and a mare with a name that many of his opponents know the meaning of first-hand, Counted Out.

Bob always tries to take a couple of horses with him when he invades a new territory. Win or lose, the horses get the best of care. Bob treats them so well, in fact, that other horse owners often ask him to train their thoroughbreds.

The core of Ellis' non-wrestling empire is, of course, his Square-Circle Ranch in his native town of San Angelo, Texas, where he also breeds and raises quarter horses and has developed an enviable reputation for raising some of the country's finest sheep and cattle.

A remarkable man, this Cowboy Ellis. Aside from all these accomplishments, he has won more wrestling trophies than he has room for—and he has plenty of room in his spacious Circle-Square Ranch house.

On top of this, he has a B.S. in physical education from Mc-Murry College in Abilene, Texas. He pilots his own plane. And, before he went into wrestling, he played pro football with the Philadelphia Eagles. His biggest ambition today is to develop a racehorse capable of winning the Kentucky Derby.

We hope he realizes his ambition. When I say "we," I mean



the 4,000 enthusiastic members of his fan club, myself included.

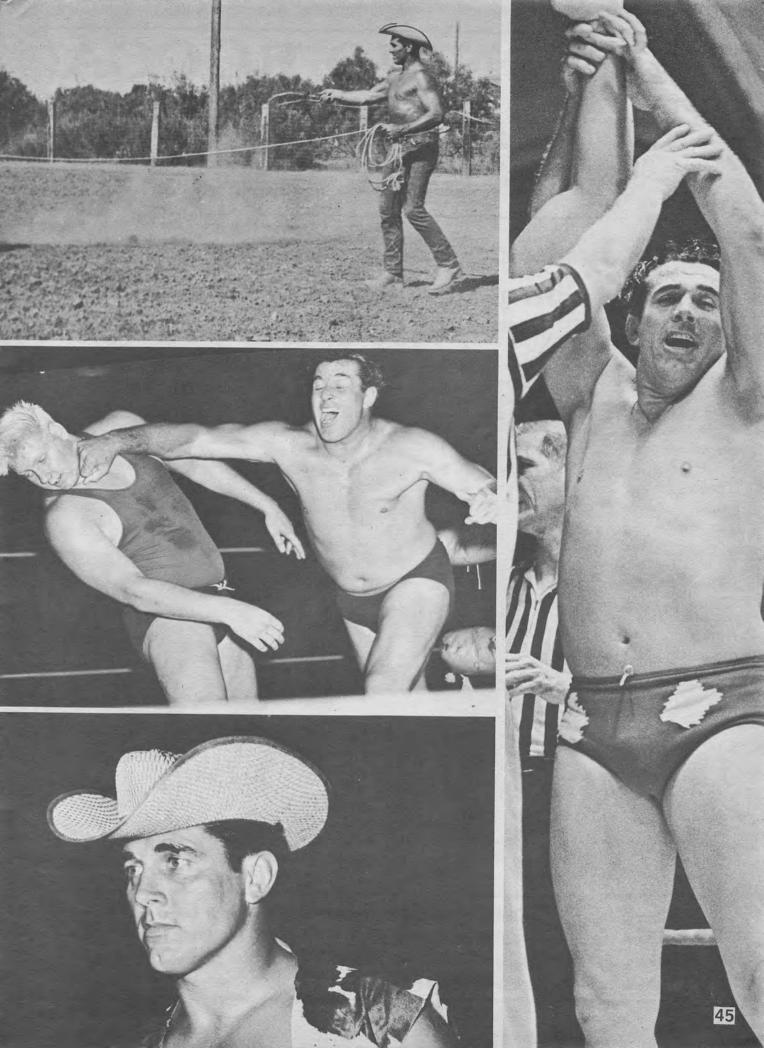
Just to give you an idea of how enthusiastic these members are, a group of 48 recently accompanied me on a chartered bus trip from Ft. Worth, Texas, to Omaha, Neb., to see him defend his Midwest title.

Naturally, Bob won. He wouldn't want to disappoint us!

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When asked, "Which is your greatest love, your ranch or wrestling?" Ellis declines to give a direct answer. But we suspect that if forced to choose, he would take the ranch. What little time he has at the ranch is spent in training horses (above) and riding his favorite mount, a magnificent black stallion (left). But the cowboy gets as big a kick smacking "bad" guys like Dick Murdock (right, above) and winning (far right) as he does when he's in the saddle. Right: Bob Ellis as millions of fans know him.



ANTONINO ROCCA

MORE AMAZING TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE

Just Look At The Man... Compare His Body To

The Way It Was
20 Years





The Great Rocca has always insisted he'll still be wrestling when he's 75 years old, and he'll live until he's at least 150 years old. And, by golly, it looks like he's going to make good on his predictions!

THE APPLAUSE BEGAN as he started walking down the aisle. As he got into full view, the cheering began to build. It got even louder as he stepped through the ropes and into the ring. But all that was nothing compared to the noise they made when he took off his famous sweater. Then they almost tore the place apart.

"It's amazing! He looks like he

did 20 years ago!"

"Look at those legs! They haven't got an ounce of fat on them!"

"My God, he still looks like he's ready to wrestle for the heavyweight

championship of the world!"

The man the crowd was so excited about was not wrestling for the heavyweight championship of the world. He might never wrestle for it again. In fact, he doesn't wrestle very often anymore. But when Antonino Rocca recently climbed through the ropes in Montreal, Canada, the crowd showed him it hadn't forgotten. And Rocca showed them that he has no plans to change his famous prediction to wrestle until he's 75 and to live until he's at least 150-years-old. He looked fantastic!

The occasion was a benefit for the Italian charities of Montreal. Rocca was invited to appear, and when word got around that he would, tickets sold like sausage during an Italian street festival. It has been a number of years since Tony earned \$200,000 per year in the ring. But the name "Rocca" has never lost its magic.

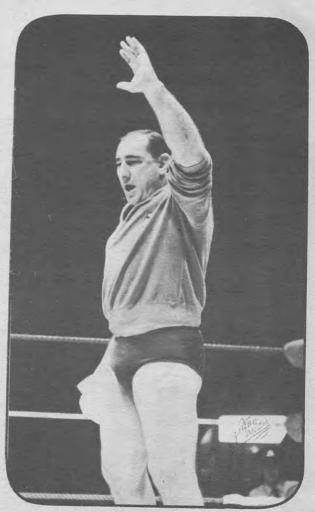
A legend in his own time, Rocca is the man who made wrestling respectable. He brought the sport to the pages of Look, Life, Time and Newsweek. Edward R. Murrow interviewed him on national television and so did Mike Wallace. People who didn't know a hammerlock from a toehold knew who Tony Rocca was.

Wrestler, acrobat and possessor of what were called "million-dollar-legs," Rocca was as big a drawing card as the sport has ever known. No wrestler was ever more popular. None was more famous. None was more loved.

In the ring he was perpetual motion, doing things with his legs and feet many people couldn't do with

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Tony Rocca (right) waves to Montreal fans who gave him a five-minute standing ovation. As he demonstrates against Chen Lee, (below) he still hasn't lost those sensational acrobatic moves which made him the world's most popular wrestler in the '50's and early '60's. Although slowed by a knee injury, Rocca is still wrestling on a limited basis. And wherever he appears, the magic of his name still brings fans storming into the arenas.





Highlights of Rocca's monumental career—a career filled with epic events



A young Antonino Rocca steps from the plane that brought him to these shores for the first time. Nick Elitch, the man who discovered Rocca in Argentina, waves, as Amarillo, Texas, promoter Doc Sarpolis stands between them on plane's ramp.



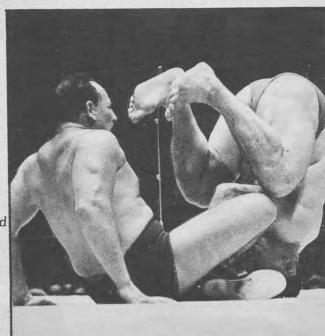
Rocca is lifted onto the shoulders of his legion of fans. The tumultuous celebration was set off after a 1957 bout in which Tony was awarded decision over arch-enemy Dr. Jerry Graham, who was disqualified. The match set off a near-riot, which Rocca quelled himself, by calming fans over the ring microphone.



Apollo (left) and Rocca issue a seated challenge to the Fabulous Kangaroos during a 1962 bout. Both men are Italians whose families migrated to Argentina when they were small boys. Apollo has been called "a miniature Rocca" by experts.

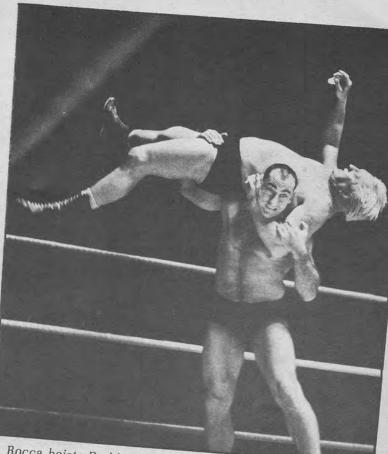


Rocca lifts left leg high in the air and slams his foot into Bruiser's face (left) during a 1957 match. Tony's dangerous even when he's standing on his head. Kangaroo Al Costello thinks he has Tony in a head scissors, but Rocca simply pummels him with his feet (right). Edouard Carpentier and Apollo are the only wrestlers who ever came close to Rocca in muscle control and acrobatic ability.





Along with tag-team partner Miguel Perez (right), Rocca became the toast of New York City's massive Spanish community. They were U.S. Tag-Team champs.



Rocca hoists Buddy Rogers onto his shoulders in a 1960 bout. It's the backbreaker, the hold with which Tony forced hundreds of opponents to concede defeat.



Argentina Rocca possesses the most technically perfect dropkick in wrestling, often flying six feet off the ground. He has a kick like a mule.



The famous "victory cigar" is as much a Rocca trademark as his flying dropkick. A sought-after sports hero, Tony still makes public appearances for charitable causes.

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their hands. Children loved him and even cynical old sportswriters admired him. Even in places where professional wrestling was hardly heard of-Tony Rocca was a household word.

But in the late 1960's, Rocca was in a motorcycle accident and injured his knee. His legs, as important to him as eves are to an airline pilot or an arm is to a baseball pitcher, were going. Rocca had abused his body, doing things like wrestling 21 times in 18 days in as many as seven different countries. "Rocca will burn himself out," the experts predicted. But he didn't-not until his knee went in that motorcycle accident.

Still, it didn't faze Tony. Supported by an elastic bandage around the injured knee, he kept going. His mobility was cut down. His speed was diminished. He could no longer jump and acrobatically fly around the ring as he once could.

"Tony Rocca is washed up," they said. "He won't last until he's 50and he says he'll wrestle until he's 75."

Rocca is about 50 now. And although he has a part-time job with the Maislin Trucking Company, he still wrestles once in a while and works out constantly, "Just to keep myself in shape." And as the fans in Montreal could clearly see, Tony

bouncy energy that once made him a million-dollar property. Tony Rocca looked like a 20-year-old Superman.

His opponent for the evening was Chen Lee, a young Chinese wrestler who was barely born when Rocca first wrestled in the United States in 1947. Lee, of course, knew who Rocca was. But he figured he was just an old man now and didn't think his task would be too difficult.

By evening's end, Lee was mesmerized. Rocca pulled out his old bag of tricks: the dropkick, the handsprings, the cartwheels, the backflip and once, in memory of the good old days, he even leaped on the bewildered Lee's shoulders and rode him around the ring like a mule.

"Boy," said one young wrestling fan to Tony Lanza, the famous photographer, "if he's like this now, I can't imagine what he must have been like 10 years ago. How'd he ever lose?"

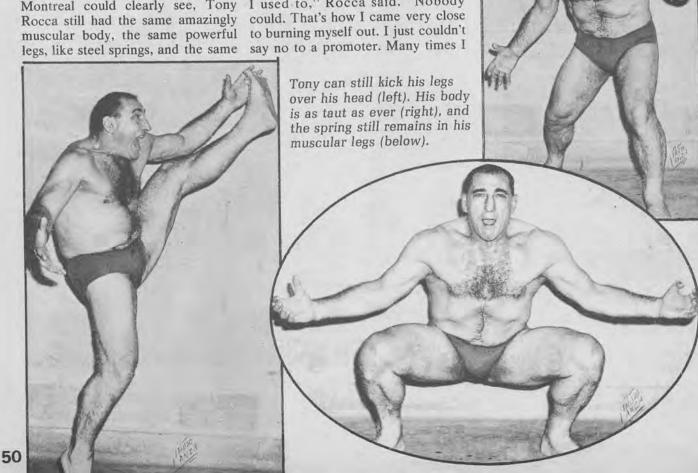
He rarely did. Once in a while, incensed by an opponent's filthy tactics. Rocca would lose his temper and get disqualified. And once in a while (after the accident), his leg would cave in if he landed on it the wrong way. But pins? In his thousands of matches, Tony Rocca wasn't pinned five times! Too strong. Too quick. Too talented.

"Sure I don't wrestle as often as I used to," Rocca said. "Nobody

wrestled twice in one night-in two different arenas! There were times my legs were so tired I could barely walk. But I had made commitments. I could not let my people, or the promoters down."

Rocca refers often to "My people," the people he credits with all his successes-his fans. Few wrestlers ever made themselves so accessible to the fans. He walked around their neighborhoods, kissed the babies they held up to him, and stopped in their homes for a glass of wine. In New York, he was the toast of both the Spanish and Italian communities. There wasn't an election in which a politician didn't seek out Rocca to pose for pictures with him. He loved his people and his people loved him.

But not everybody loved Rocca. Many wrestlers, champions included, simply refused to wrestle him. Late in his career, when he tried his own hand at promoting, he became embroiled in the sport's political wars. He stepped on a few toes. And suddenly Tony Rocca was not as wel-



come in some cities as he once was.

Still, he was good copy and a very exciting wrestler. People would pay money just to watch him move around a ring. "I have been blessed with the finest body since Sampson," Rocca was fond of saying. "If I don't get killed by a truck, my athletic career will last over 100 years. I will live to be 150 years old!"

Rocca's body was—and still is—truly magnificent. Every doctor who has examined him has called him the finest physical specimen he has ever seen. And now that Rocca has drastically cut down on his number of bouts and the number of miles he travels, his health has again returned to an excellent state and his onceabused body has recaptured its magic glow and dynamic power.

There is no question that Rocca, while at the height of his long career, was abused, both by himself and by promoters. He was worked nearly to death and wasn't paid nearly enough for his tireless efforts. Despite all the money he made, Antonino Rocca still must work for a living. He should have been a millionaire five times over. But Rocca doesn't complain. That's not his style. Sure he was taken advantage of. Sure he tried so hard to please that he came perilously close to burning out his dynamic



The hairline may be receding an inch or two, but the Rocca sense of humor is the same as he cavorts in the shower. Playful Tony could

body—so close that doctors pleaded with him to give up wrestling. But Rocca never complained.

not resist splashing photographer.

"I am smarter now than I was in the old days," Tony remembers, with a twinkle in his eye and a grin on his leathery face. "But I have no regrets about yesterday. All I think about is tomorrow and how long I can go on wrestling. I feel better now and I'm in better shape now than I've been in the last 10 years. I found a doctor who has done wonders with my leg. My knee doesn't collapse any more. The pain is gone. I feel I am ready to climb back on top. But I won't rush it. Remember, I plan to wrestle for another 25 years!"

Tony's dreams about reaching the top again are probably only that—dreams. Although he did look like the Rocca of old while subduing Chen Lee, he is simply not getting any younger.

However, in one way Tony Rocca remains the same. He still cannot say "no" when his people need him. "A benefit for the Italian community,"

One of Rocca's closest friends is Alex Maislin, a Montreal trucking magnate as well as a sports buff. Rocca said, "how could I possibly turn them down, eh? They are my people. All the people are my people."

Rocca left the ring to a standing ovation. The young man sitting next to photographer Tony Lanza rushed over with his autograph book extended in Rocca's direction.

"Just think," Lanza said to the boy.
"Some day you'll be able to say you saw Antonino Rocca wrestle."

But the boy wasn't listening. Instead, he smiled at his new prize autograph. Almost 25 years after first coming to North America, Tony Rocca is still pleasing "his people."

And whether they be young boys or old men, the "people"—Tony Rocca's people—still haven't forgotten him!





Only quick thinking by his super manager
—Super Brucie— saved Bruiser from six
months in exile. Had Brucie's plan failed,
Bruiser would have been bound by ...

The Weirdest Contract in Wrestling History!

Bruiser (left) and his manager for the bout, Super Brucie (below), both bought airline tickets out of the country when Bruiser hooked up in one of the weirdest wrestling agreements in history!



HE SCENE IN Chicago promoter Bob Luce's office looked like a corporate board meeting. Except that the men gathered around him did not look very much like big businessmen.

On one side of Luce sat The Bruiser. Next to him sat the beloved Super Brucie, who would serve as Bruiser's manager for the upcoming bout. On the other side sat the tall Japanese wrestler Kobyashi and his tough manager The Big "K."

Luce pulled a long contract out of his inside breast pocket. As he did so, both The Big "K" and Super Brucie pulled smaller folders from their pockets.

"We all know why we are here," Luce began. "I'll read the contract for this bout and if anybody has any objections they must be stated now."

Luce opened the contract and began to read:

"We, the undersigned, agree to engage in a wrestling match to be held at the Chicago Amphitheater. The match will be two-out-of-three falls and there *must* be a winner. The loser and his manager shall leave the United States of America and not return for a period of six months.

Each wrestler's manager shall leave with me today a pair of airline tickets to any destination of his choice *outside* the U.S. The winner of the match will have his tickets returned. The loser will use his tickets within 24 hours after the bout ends."

Luce looked first toward Super Brucie and Bruiser, who both signed the contract. Super Brucie then handed the promoter a folder containing a pair of airline tickets to Paris. Luce then handed the contract to The Big "K" who signed as did Kobyashi. They, too handed over a folder containing two airline tickets—to Japan.

"Remember," Luce added, "you

two (Bruiser and Kobyashi) are not to come near each other until the night of the match. If I find out there were any violations of this contract there will be a \$25,000 fine. That is all."

That's how one of the strangest agreements in wrestling history came about. But to get to the beginning of this unusual story it is necessary to go back to a day in Chicago when Bruiser and Kobyashi nearly tore the Amphitheater apart.

"Bruiser and Kobyashi had wrestled against each other a number of times and every time it was absolute all out war," remembered Super Brucie. "They wrestled around Chicago and every time they met they got to hate each other's guts even more.

"One night, in the Amphitheater, they were paired in the feature and Bruiser told me he wanted to paralyze Kobyashi and his manager, The Big 'K,' too. I told Bruiser I would put my evil double hex on them if he wanted me to. He kinda laughed and said, 'Why not?' The combination of my double hex and Bruiser's wrestling brilliance nearly destroyed Kobyashi. Bruiser had the match won. But he wasn't satisfied. He wanted 'K' too! So he pulled him up into the ring. Then he tossed both of them over the top rope out onto the floor. He left the ring and jumped on top of them. Chairs flew, women screamed and a full-scale riot was on. I don't know how many cops it took to break

"Promoter Bob Luce was mad as hell. They practically wrecked the joint like they did the time before and the time before that. Bob told them he couldn't afford to have them wrecking his arena every time they wrestled. 'I don't care if you kill each other but you'll never wreck my place again,' he said. At first nobody knew what he meant. Then we found out. They'd wrestle once more—and the loser would have 24 hours to leave the country and wouldn't be allowed to come back in for six months."

"I will be happy to abide by that agreement," said The Bruiser when Luce made the offer. "The best thing that could happen to this country is for these two clowns to be forced to leave. There isn't enough room here for all of us and *I'm* not planning to go. Besides, when I'm finished with Kobyashi and his manager they'll need six months to recover from the beating."

The Big "K" didn't see it quite that

"This is the chance we've been waiting for," he snarled. "That Bruiser has been a blot on the landscape too long. Getting rid of him for six months would fit in with the current ecology drive. It would cleanse the environment. I've always said that garbage should be thrown out. It's just a shame that he and his stupid manager, Brucie, will be allowed back in six months!"

And so the stage was set. Kobyashi and his manager and Bruiser and Brucie showed up at the contract signing with their airline tickets and passports all in order. And Bob Luce had no trouble selling out the Amphitheater for the big battle. Word of the agreement had leaked out and the place was packed two hours before starting time. One fan even brought along a suitcase which he held up as the wrestlers entered the ring. On the side was printed "Bon Voyage Kobyashi" in big red letters.

It seemed as if the huge Oriental should have started packing as Bruiser won the first fall with a knee drop off the ropes and a body press. The second fall proved no better for Kobyashi. Bruiser hurled him from ropeto-rope, bounced him off all four ringposts and softened him up with body slams, forearm smashes, knee drops, Atomic Skullcrushers and bearhugs. Bruiser was taking no chances.

But just as it appeared the Japanese Giant was ready to fall, The Big "K" handed him a small packet of salt. Seeing this, Super Brucie screamed a warning at Bruiser.

"His right hand! Watch out for his right hand! He's got something in there!"

The crowd, too, saw "K" hand Kobyashi something. And their cries of warning drowned out the pleas coming from Bruiser's corner. He never heard Brucie. Kobyashi rubbed the salt into Bruiser's eyes, causing them to burn as if acid had been poured into them. Blinded, the Bruiser was helpless. A series of karate chops brought him to his knees and Kobyashi easily evened the bout at one fall apiece.

Between falls, Brucie worked furiously on Bruiser's eyes. And while he did, he also devised a plan.

"I knew they were going to try to pull that lousy trick again," Brucie later explained, "so we had to work out a system. There was no way I could shout to Bruiser and warn him, so I came up with an idea. I told him to glance at me in the corner every 30 seconds or so. If 'K' tried to pull the salt trick again, I'd hold up my left hand. If Kobyashi had the salt, I'd hold up my right hand."

For 10 minutes Super Brucie stood in the corner, hands in his pockets, while The Bruiser battled Kobyashi. Puzzled, the fans wondered why Bruiser seemed to be looking back toward his corner all the time. Finally, they got their answer.

Bruiser whipped Kobyashi into the turnbuckle in the far corner—the corner in which stood The Big "K." Like an arrow, Brucie's left hand shot up in the air. Bruiser saw it. And when Kobyashi came out of the corner, Bruiser aimed a bone-breaking karate chop of his own at Kobyashi's left wrist. The packet of salt dropped to the floor.

"His eyes!" screamed Brucie from the corner. "Go for his eyes!"

He didn't have to yell. Bruiser picked up the packet in a flash and began rubbing it into the Japanese giant's eyes. Angered at this reversal, The Big "K" crawled through the ropes and charged Bruiser. But Bruiser was ready. An iron fist met the manager and dropped him in his tracks. Bruiser then bent over The Big "K" and rubbed salt into his eyes.

The Big "K" looked like a wounded water buffalo, so Bruiser lifted him up and threw him into the second row of seats. With him out of the way, the Bruiser finished off Kobyashi.

"But those two weren't finished yet," Super Brucie recalled. "No sooner did the referee raise Bruiser's hand than The Big "K" came storming back into the ring. While I stood



Kobayashi is all smiles as he waits for his "exile match" against the Bruiser to begin. His manager, the Big K, wanted to get rid of Bruiser.

guard over Kobyashi, Bruiser grabbed The Big "K" and knocked him out with a punch harder than any Jack Dempsey ever threw. He started spouting blood like a geyser. They both had had enough. But the best part was yet to come...

"Promoter Bob Luce stepped into the ring with a broad grin on his face," Brucie continued. "And in his hand Bob held two airplane tickets. He walked over to Bruiser and handed him the ticket he had put up as security when the match was signed. 'Here, Bruiser,' Luce said. 'Go and get a refund.'

"Bruiser grinned from ear-to-ear. 'Thanks, Bob,' he chuckled.

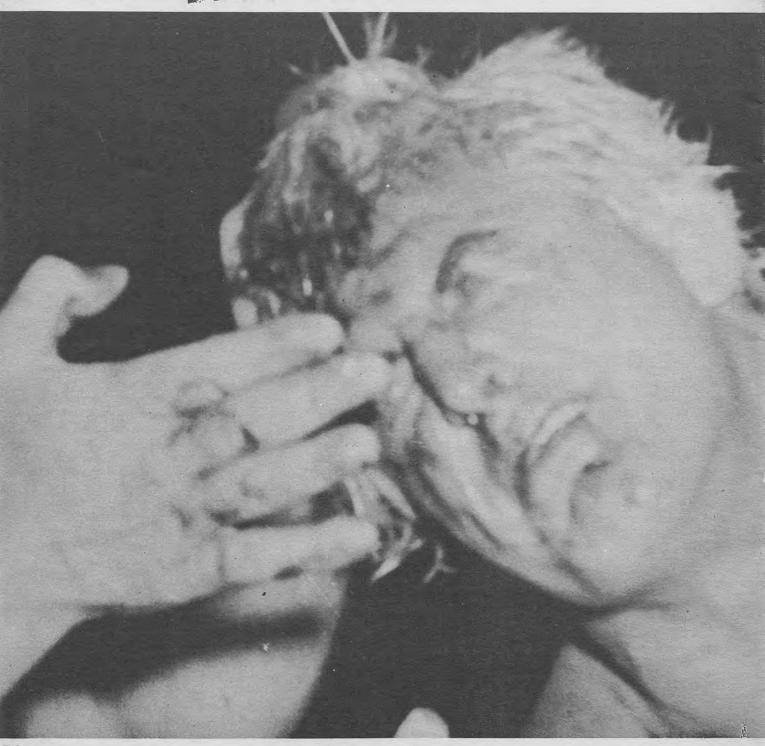
"Luce then walked over to the still-dazed Kobyashi. Shoving the other airplane ticket under his nose Luce snapped, 'Here's your ticket back to Japan. Make sure you use it!"

Brucie sneaked over to where Luce and Kobyashi stood and, thumbing his nose at the towering Japanese star, Brucie crowed: "Yeah, man. And I hope the weather is terrible to wherever the hell you're going!"

With that, Brucie leaped behind Bruiser for safety as the crowd roared its approval and Brucie again thumbed his nose at Kobyashi.

BY EDDIE GRAHAM

THE MIGHT DON EVANS TRIED T OUT MY EYE!





IT HAPPENED BACK in December of 1955. In Amarillo, Texas. What a night that was! I'll never forget it if I live to be a thousand. How can you forget when somebody does his damnedest to rip an eye out of your head?

The gorilla who tried to blind me is not wrestling any more. Which is a break for all of us. His name was Don Evans, and he had fingers of steel. He liked to bust up opponents, make them bleed and beg to quit. And when he had a guy stretched out on the mat, Evans liked to grind a boot into his face. Nice fellow!

I had wrestled him twice before that night in Amarillo. He had beaten me in Tulsa, but then I knocked him cold with a flying tackle a few weeks later in Oklahoma City.

When we stepped into the ring at Amarillo, Evans came over to me before we were introduced and rasped: "Graham, I'm gonna pay you back for what you did at Oklahoma City . . . I'm gonna tear an eyeball right outta your head!"

I figured he was just shooting off his mouth, trying to scare me. So I grinned and told him to get the hell back to his corner before I got mad.

Less than a minute after the bell rang, I

realized that Evans wasn't kidding. He lashed out with his fingers at my face, just like a clawing cat. I jerked my head back just in time. Don lashed out again, but I was too fast and he missed.

I began to worry because I could see that this guy wasn't out just to win. He wanted blood. Mine!

I tried complaining to the referee, but Evans never gave me the chance. He kept pressing, moving me into the ropes and smacking me in the ribs so that I would lower my guard.

I knew that I mustn't let him get me in a headlock because if he did my eyes would be an easy target. But I couldn't help myself when he brought his knee up into the pit of my stomach. I doubled over like a hairpin and—BOOM! He had my head locked under his massive right arm.

I tried to kick loose. But the more I kicked,

the more he increased the pressure.

The pressure didn't worry me, but I knew that Don was setting me up so he could do something to my eyes. This, I admit, scared the hell out of me.

After keeping the pressure on for about a minute and a half, Evans made his move. I felt his fingers inching slowly toward my eye.

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I let out a howl and jerked my whole body back and forth in a desperate effort to break free. But I couldn't. I was trapped like an animal.

In terror, I closed my eyes tight. But that didn't do any good. When he dug his finger into my right eye, it penetrated through the lid, causing me to open the eye.

Of course I was screaming all the time, hoping the referee would rescue me. The fans knew what was happening, even though the referee did not, and they shouted: "Stop him! Stop him!" But their cries did no good. And by the time the referee came out of his trance it was too late.

Evan's steel-like finger dug deeper into my eye. I felt sharp, throbbing pains stab through my whole head. My only defense was to keep jerking my head to prevent him from getting a really solid grip.

I was close to panic. I had to break that headlock immediately-or lose an eye. The question was: how?

The only way, under the circumstances, was to foul him. I tried to grab his hair, but he kept me bent over and I couldn't reach it. Then it occurred to me: stick my finger in his eye.

With all my remaining strength, I aimed at

where I thought his left eye was and shot out my finger. Pow! Had it hit dead center, Evans would surely have lost his eye. But it struck the left side and the full impact was absorbed on part of his nose. However the shock was enough to make him release the headlock. At last I was free, but my eye felt as if it were on fire.

The remainder of the match—which went to a half-hour draw-was uneventful. When I got back to the dressing room I looked into the mirror and was horrified to see that the white of my eye had turned a cherry-red. I knew that several blood vessels had been ruptured and that I'd bet-

ter rush to a hospital.

An old pal of mine, Dory Funk, who also wrestled on that show, drove me to the hospital, where they treated my eye and asked me to come back the next day for an intensive examination. After completing that examination, the specialist told me how lucky I had been not to have lost the eye. "But," he said, "your sight has been permanently impaired, and as you grow older, your vision will become worse."

I never saw Don Evans again, which is probably a break for both of us, because if I had ever caught up with him I think I'd have killed him.





WANTED: MR. ROBERT ROOP CHARGE: ATTEMPTED MURDER

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and Southern Illinois, Roop, still in his early twenties, wrestled for the United States at the 1968 Olympic Games. And even then he had a world of experience.

"I started wrestling in the fourth grade," he said between sips of a glass of lemonade. "I was lucky. Most grade schools don't include wrestling in their sports program. I just kept at it. Right before the Olympics, Lou Thesz saw me wrestle. He said I should consider turning pro. But I felt I was still too green. A year later, Eddie Graham saw me at the Greco-Roman championships in Detroit. He convinced me to turn pro, said he'd help me out and gave me a piece of advice I'll never forget.

"Eddie told me that the most important thing after learning the fundamentals is to develop a new hold. something nobody else uses - something that would become my private trademark. And that's what I did. I worked on this one hold day and night until I perfected it. And now that I've perfected it the wrestling commissioners have declared it illegal, I say it's not and I'm going to keep on using it no matter what happens. I told them that if I had to turn dirty to use my hold I would. And that's exactly what I was forced to do."

Roop admits that becoming a wrestling villain was the farthest thing from his mind. But he insists he had no other choice.

"It wasn't an easy decision to make, believe me. Back home, in Tampa, Florida, everybody considers me a nice guy. For a long time Dory Funk Jr. has been my idol. I tried to pattern my style after his. I train conscientiously. I run two miles a day. I work out with weights three times a week and I wrestle four nights a week. I eat meat and salads, no potatoes or starches. I work hard at my profession. I never dreamed of being anything else but a clean, scientific wrestler."

Bob cut into a thick steak and shook his head as if in disbelief at the turn of events in his wrestling career. He was so angry when the commissions of seven different states declared his hold illegal he could think only of getting even. And to get even, Roop added an ex-



Roop applies a chinlock to Manny Soto moments before lifting him on his shoulder in preparation for a neckbreaker. Roop sometimes calls a hospital and makes an advance reservation for his opponent when he plans to use the deadly hold. Sometimes, Bob even sends flowers!

tra twist to his pet hold. Now it's both illegal and dangerous. It breaks collarbones!

"It wasn't originally designed that way," Bob insists. "At first I used to drive my knee into my opponent's skull. It would stun him long enough for me to get the pin. But one night, by accident I missed my opponent's skull when he turned his head and my knee went into his collarbone and broke it. I've been doing it that way ever since. I'm not giving it up. It's my bread and butter."

Roop doesn't even have a name for his new hold. He says "it's something like a neckbreaker. And that's what drove the commissioners crazy. When they decided to ban it they didn't even know what to call the thing they banned. They couldn't call it a neckbreaker because that's legal in some states. One state calls it the 'collarbone crusher' but that's not right because they banned it even before I

used it on anybody's collarbone. They don't know what it is but they ban it. It just doesn't make sense."

"I don't know what to call it either," said Chief Jay Strongbow, "but I know it should be banned. Roop thinks he's so damn cute sending flowers to guys he put in the hospital. What he doesn't think about is that because of him some wrestlers might be out of action for months. He cried that the commission was taking the bread out of his mouth when they banned his hold. But he doesn't cry about the wrestlers in the hospital with broken collarbones. That hold is deliberately designed to break a man's collarbone. It should be outlawed."

Roop disagrees with Strongbow's analysis.

"Plenty of wrestlers would up in hospitals before I came around and plenty of others will wind up there long after I'm gone. Why do I break bones? To get even. I'm willing to go back to my old ways if they declare my hold legal as it was originally designed. Until then this is the way I let off steam, of showing them what I think of their decision. I'm not going to let my family starve no matter what any wrestling commission says."

Meanwhile, most of the scientifictype wrestlers are out for Roop's scalp-especially after what he recently pulled on an opponent who

shall remain anonymous.

"Sure I did it," Roop said, "and I'm proud of it. It took guts and it showed them I meant business. What do I care if it embarrassed anybody. That's my business."

The incident Roop referred to happened about two months ago when he called up a hospital and made a reservation for his opponent -in advance! He then printed up press releases which he circulated to the newspapers telling them that his opponent was about to be layed up in the hospital with a fractured collarbone. He handed the releases out to the press at ringside. Sure enough, when his victim did wind up with a broken collarbone and was rushed to the hospital, you can imagine his surprise when the nurses told him they were expecting him and that his room was all ready. In the room, naturally, were a dozen roses-courtesy of Mr. Bob Roop.

"That was one of the meanest stunts anybody ever pulled," said Jim Valiant, another wrestler who has no use for Roop. "There's just no excuse for something like that. One of these days he's going to get his."

"Let 'em moan and groan," Roop snapped. "All I know is I planned to be a clean, scientific wrestler but they (the commission) wouldn't let me. Now they're complaining because I'm too dirty. One thing I learned when I was a little boy. Whatever you do you should do the best of your ability. If I'm forced to go the other way. I'm going to be the meanest, roughest guy in the ring and I don't care what anybody says or thinks."

Roop refuses to stop using his hold and the commissioners in most states refuse to sanction it. And unless somebody changes his mind soon, the florist business will boom.

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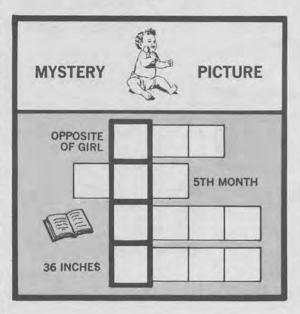
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SAM STEAMBOAT

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Steamboat and Mr. Wrestling in dressing room after brutal bout.

kept bouncing him off the turnbuckles until I thought the whole ring would collapse. Never underestimate the adrenalin that comes from anger. Here I was almost out of gas, but yet I found strength when they tried to

murder my partner.

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DUTCH SAVAGE LIVES UP TO HIS NAME

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Maivia's hammerlock doesn't seem to faze Savage at all. After Dutch broke this hold he drove his knee into Peter's head opening a bloody cut. Dutch swears he keeps nothing underneath his knee pad, but most wrestlers and fans think otherwise.

me. Let the fans call me a dirty wrestler. Just let them keep paying to see me.

Q: You keep coming back to money.

A: Yeah.

Q: Let's change the subject. How do you feel just before you step into the ring?

A: I usually say "here I am again. I'm going to get into this ring and wrestle again for the 9,000th time." How would you feel if you wrestled 9,000 times?

Q: Very, very bored.

A: Exactly right!

Q: Yet you once said you recommended pro wrestling as a career?

A: Sure. Why not? It's better than digging ditches. And it's better than going to school and earning a degree and teaching for nine grand a year. It's even better than being a bricklayer where you make only \$16,000 a year. There are a lot more benefits in wrestling than people think.

Q: How much money do you make?

A: Next question, please.

Q: 'Okay. Here's the one you've been waiting for. What happened on the 15th of January when you lost to Freddie Blassie?

A: (Exploding) What happened after I lost to who???

Q: Blassie. You lost to Blassie on January 15th.

A: Okay. I'll tell you. The record book says I lost. But I really knee!



won. They reversed the decision. There was a masked guy sitting by the side of the ring. I think he calls himself "The Pro." Anway, I had Blassie bloody and beaten. I threw him out of the ring. I knocked him down and he was out for the count. Then this masked guy threw some kind of foreign material-iodine or methiolate, into Blassie's face. Blassie got counted out and I got the belt. I was the America's Champion. Later, they came into my dressing room and took the belt back. They told me Blassie didn't lose his belt because there was outside interference involved. I didn't ask for no outside interference. But they disqualified me anyway. That's how Blassie "beat me!"

Q: Okay, Dutch, final question. A: (Interrupts) It's about time.

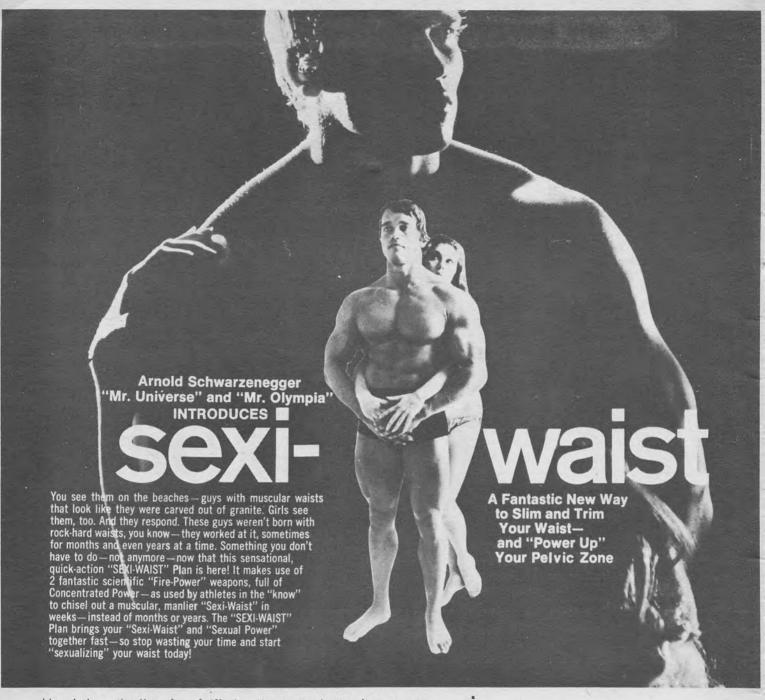
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A: My knee, my dear, just my knee!



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